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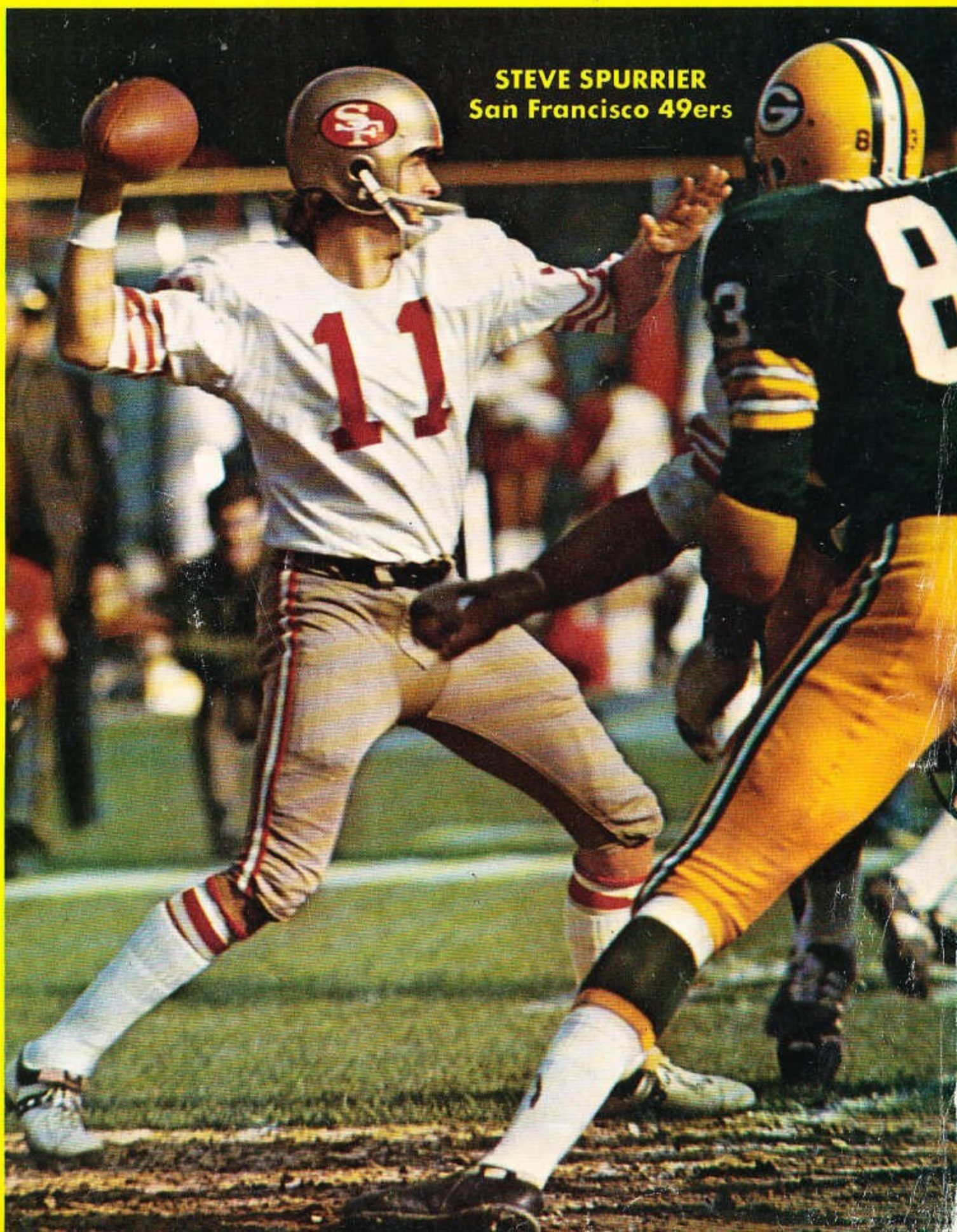
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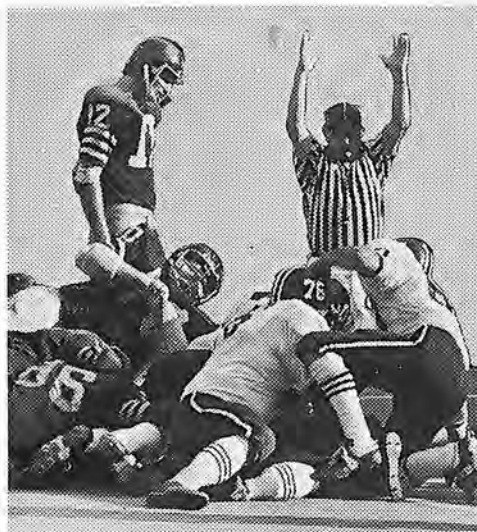
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'You've Got to Have Instinct'

By TERRY P. BROWN
Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

The voice on the telephone was assured and enthusiastic. "This weekend I like the New York Giants over Atlanta in the pros," it said. "I give only five or six top pro picks a season, and the Giants over Atlanta is one of them."

The voice belongs to Huey, co-proprietor of Huey's Enterprises, of Fort Lee, N.J. The Giants are the team that he and his partner, Mike, think are most likely to beat the bookmakers' point spreads in football games this weekend. For such opinions, the partners' 160 customers pay an average of about \$50 a week during the football season. "It's a nice living," says the 29-year-old Huey.

Huey's lucrative three-year-old business is what's called a sports information service, or "tip sheet." People who know about such things say that there are about 200 of them around the country. Most have been formed in the last five years to capitalize on the growing propensity of Americans to wager on the outcome of college and pro football games and, to a lesser extent, basketball.

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Indeed, those who have made a go of the tip sheet business admit that they base their choices more on hard work than on knowing secrets. Huey, who made a gambling line for a sports newspaper before striding out on his own (Mike handles the business end), says he "occasionally" gets useful tidbits from quarter-backs he knows ("like whether the quarterback is getting along with his girl") and from a lawyer friend who represents several pro athletes. Customers who follow teams in their own areas closely also are helpful from time to time, he adds.

"But that's just a small part of it," he says. "First off, I subscribe to about 60 newspapers from big cities all around the country. I read everything on football I can get my hands on. On Mondays, I get the official point spread and read it carefully. I block out mentally 10 or 12 games I think are playable. Then I go over everything again and again until I come down to games that seem the best to play. It has a lot to do with it. You've got to have the feel."

Some Free Advice

On the Giants-Palcons game this Sunday at Atlanta, Huey "feels" that the Giants are an underrated team with one of the roughest schedules in professional football. "If every one is healthy, the Giants will beat Atlanta," which is a seven-point favorite," he says. "I think the top line on the game should be only three points, giving Atlanta the home-field advantage. Atlanta has lost Tommy Nobis, their star middle-linebacker, for the rest of the year. The Giants have running backs Ron Johnson and Tucker Frederickson possibly returning after injuries, and Fran Tarkenton likes to beat his old coach Norm Van Brocklin. I feel strongly about this one."

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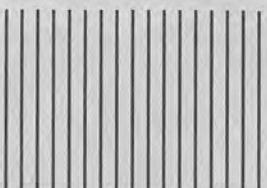


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At Washington, Dec. 31, 1972

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SCORING

SECOND QUARTER

Washington—Knight, 18-yard field goal. C. Taylor, 15 yard pass from Kilmer, Knight kick.
Dallas—Fritsch, 35-yard field goal.

FOURTH QUARTER

Washington—C. Taylor, 40-yard pass from Kilmer, Knight kick. Knight, 30-yard field goal. Knight, 46-yard field goal. Knight, 45-yard field goal.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Dallas Rushing—Hill, 9 for 22 yards; Garrison, 7 for 15; Staubach, 5 for 59.
Washington Rushing—Brown, 30 for 88 yards; Harraway, 11 for 19; Kilmer, 3 for 15.
Washington Passing—Kilmer, 14 of 18 for 194 yards.
Dallas Passing—Staubach, 9 of 20 for 98 yards; Hill, 0 of 1.
Dallas Receptions—Sellers, 2 for 29 yards; Alworth, 1 for 15; Parks, 1 for 21; Hill, 2 for 11.
Washington Receptions—C. Taylor, 7 for 146 yards; Jefferson, 2 for 19; Brown, 2 for 16; Harraway, 3 for 13.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Dallas	Washington
First downs	8	16
Rushes—Yardage	21-96	44-122
Passing yardage	73	194
Return yardage	49	10
Passes	9-21	14-18
Passes intercepted by	0	0
Punts	7-43.1	4-36.0
Fumbles—Lost	1-1	2-1
Yards penalized	(4)30	(4)38

ATTENDANCE—53,129

OFFICIALS—Referee, J. Tunney; Umpire, Joe Connell; Line Judge, Art Holst; Linesman, Cal Lepore; Back Judge, S. Javie; Field Judge, Fritz Graf.

SUPER BOWL VII

At Los Angeles, Jan. 14, 1973

MIAMI	7	7	0	0-14
WASHINGTON	0	0	0	7-7

SCORING

FIRST QUARTER

Miami—Twilley, 28-yard pass from Griese, 5-yard run, Yepremian kick.

SECOND QUARTER

Miami—Kiick, 1-yard run, Yepremian kick.

FOURTH QUARTER

Washington—Bass, 49-yard run with fumble recovery, Knight kick.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Miami Rushing—Csonka, 15 for 112 yards; Kiick, 12 for 38; Morris, 10 for 34.
Washington Rushing—Brown, 22 for 72 yards; Harraway, 10 for 37; Kilmer, 2 for 18; C. Taylor, 1 for 8; Smith 1 for 6.
Miami Passing—Griese, 8 of 11 for 88 yards (one intercepted).
Washington Passing—Kilmer, 14 of 28 for 104 yards (three intercepted).
Miami Receptions—Warfield, 3 for 36 yards; Twilley, 1 for 28; Mandich, 1 for 19; Kiick, 2 for 6.
Washington Receptions—Jefferson, 5 for 50 yards; Brown, 5 for 26; C. Taylor, 2 for 20; Smith, 1 for 11; Harraway, 1 for minus 3 yards.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Miami	Washington
First downs	12	16
Rushes—Yardage	27-184	36-141
Passing yardage	69	87
Return yardage	132	103
Passes	8-11	14-28
Passes intercepted by	3	1
Punts	7-43.0	5-31.2
Fumbles—Lost	2-1	1-0
Yards penalized	(3)35	(3)25

ATTENDANCE—90,182

OFFICIALS—Referee, Tommy Bell; Umpire, Lou Palazzi; Line Judge, Bruce Alford; Linesman, Tony Veteri; Back Judge, Tom Kelleher; Field Judge, Tony Skover.

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

At Pittsburgh, Dec. 31, 1972

MIAMI	0	7	7	7-21
PITTSBURGH	7	0	3	7-17

SCORING

FIRST QUARTER

Pittsburgh—Bradshaw 2-yard run, fumbled, recovered by Mullins in end zone, Gerela kick.

SECOND QUARTER

Miami—Csonka, 9 yards, pass from Morrall, Yepremian kick.

THIRD QUARTER

Pittsburgh—Gerela, 14-yard field goal.
Miami—Kiick, 2-yard run, Yepremian kick.

FOURTH QUARTER

Miami—Kiick, 3-yard run, Yepremian kick.
Pittsburgh—Young, 12 yards, pass from Bradshaw, Gerela kick.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Miami Rushing—Morris, 16 for 76 yards; Csonka, 24 for 68; Seiple, 1 for 37; Kiick, 8 for 12.
Pittsburgh Rushing—Harris, 16 for 76 yards; Fuqua, 8 for 47; Bradshaw, 2 for 5.
Miami Passing—Griese, 3 of 5 for 70 yards; Morrall, 7 of 11 for 51 yards (one intercepted).
Pittsburgh Passing—Bradshaw, 5 of 10 for 80 yards (two intercepted); Hanratty, 5 of 10 for 57 yards.
Miami Receptions—Warfield, 2 for 63 yards; Fleming, 5 for 50; Csonka, 1 for 9; Mandich, 1 for 5; Morris, 1 for minus 6.
Pittsburgh Receptions—Young, 4 for 54 yards; Shanklin, 2 for 47; McMakin, 1 for 22; Brown, 1 for 9; Harris, 2 for 3.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Miami	Pittsburgh
First downs	19	13
Rushes—Yardage	49-193	26-128
Passing yardage	121	122
Return yardage	34	118
Passes	10-16	10-20
Passes intercepted by	2	1
Fumbles—Lost	0-0	2-0
Yards penalized	(2)19	(4)30

ATTENDANCE—50,350

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In this iconoclastic age it seems at least one mossy truism is exploded each year.

Just a couple of years ago that carefully-nurtured gem of male chauvinism, "a women's place is in the home," was battered into surrender.

More recently that old budget-balancing standby, "we'll economize by eating hamburger," was laughed into disuse in every butcher shop in America.

And last football season they laid to rest that hoary slogan, "the name of the game is quarterback."

The name of the football game in 1972, and probably for many seasons to come, was "run, run and run some more."

Not since the days of the leather helmets and rubber nose guards had so many backs run so much with the football in their arms. Last year 10 National League ball carriers gained 1000 or more yards. In addition there were four near misses.

No longer are the heroes the guys primping behind that protection and connecting for 70-

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yard bombs with lithe receivers nicknamed "Bambi" and the "Ghost." Now they are guys with gashes on the bridges of their noses and linebackers hanging from their necks. Their nicknames are more likely to be "Stud" or "Mercury."

No longer do we hear phrases like "go for the home run" or "the big play." Now it's "run to daylight" and "three yards and a cloud of dust."

In the American Football Conference almost every team has a bell-ringing runner. Some have two. Miami, the undefeated World champion, has three.

Those who don't are falling all over themselves trying to get one. For example the New England Patriots made Southern California's Sam Cunningham a No. 1

draft choice this year. Sam Bam was named the most valuable player in the Rose Bowl game, mostly for his blocking against Ohio State. But with the Pats he'll do more running than he ever did in college.

On this ballot, the top eight runners in the AFC are listed this way:

O.J. Simpson, Buffalo Bills
 Larry Csonka, Miami Dolphins
 John Riggins, New York Jets
 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh Steelers
 Floyd Little, Denver Broncos
 Mercury Morris, Miami Dolphins
 Marv Hubbard, Oakland Raiders
 Mike Garrett, San Diego Chargers
 Simpson came galloping out of

LARRY CSONKA has rushed for over 1000 yards each of last two years.

O.J. SIMPSON was turned loose and led NFL in rushing with 1251 yards.



RUNNING BACKS

Southern California four years ago as a certified super star. It didn't quite turn out that way for the Juice, since Buffalo qualified to draft him by finishing with the worst record in the NFL in '68. In three subsequent seasons with the Bills Simpson discovered that they fully deserved that ranking.

During that time most of O.J.'s slick running was used to get him back to the line of scrimmage.

But 1972 was his turnaround year. The principal reason was the return of Lou Saban as coach of the Bills after a six-season absence. Saban is conservative oriented. He is most comfortable when his attack features a top runner. Saban did what his coaching predecessors in Buffalo failed to do, emphasize Simpson.

"It was like being reborn again," admitted O.J.

Saban ran Floyd Little's legs off when he coached Denver and he explained to Simpson that he was willing to do the same for him. Like Floyd, O.J. loved it. He carried 292 times for 1251 yards, 35 more than runnerup Larry Brown of Washington, the National Conference champion.

The Juice's forte is getting outside, or blinking through the line on a quick hitter so that he can progress into a one-on-one or one-on-two duel with linebackers or safety men. O.J. going to the outside is pure artistry—shoulders and hips moving from side to side like a prize fighter while those legs accelerate at any opportunity.

The unexpected weapon in Simpson's arsenal is power. Defenders seem to approach him as a pure sprinter, but he is a tackle buster, especially near the goal line. Two years ago he scored from the six-yard line against Dallas in what Cowboy linebacker Lee Roy Jordan called "one of the shortest, great runs I've ever seen."

If Simpson is Buffalo's stiletto, Larry Csonka is Miami's Hungarian Shillelagh. Csonka is made of the stuff with which the Normans and the Saxons used to batter down castle gates.

Since Miami ascended to contender-champion class in the NFL three years ago, Csonka has averaged five yards every time he has been handed the ball.

JOHN RIGGINS follows block by RICH CASTER for gain against Dolphins.



NFL's 1000 YARD RUSHERS

YEAR	PLAYER	TEAM	YARDS
1934	Beattie Feathers	Chicago Bears	1,004
1947	Steve Van Buren	Philadelphia	1,008
1949	Steve Van Buren	Philadelphia	1,146
	Tony Canadeo	Green Bay	1,052
1953	Joe Perry	San Francisco	1,018
1954	Joe Perry	San Francisco	1,049
1956	Rick Casares	Chicago Bears	1,126
1958	Jim Brown	Cleveland	1,527
1959	Jim Brown	Cleveland	1,329
	J. D. Smith	San Francisco	1,036
1960	Jim Brown	Cleveland	1,257
	Jim Taylor	Green Bay	1,101
	John David Crow	St. Louis	1,011
1961	Jim Brown	Cleveland	1,408
	Jim Taylor	Green Bay	1,307
1962	Jim Taylor	Green Bay	1,474
	John H. Johnson	Pittsburgh	1,141
	Cookie Gilchrist	Buffalo	1,096
	Abner Haynes	Dallas Texans	1,049
	Dick Bass	Los Angeles	1,033
	Charlie Tolar	Houston	1,012
1963	Jim Brown	Cleveland	1,863
	Clem Daniels	Oakland	1,099
	Jim Taylor	Green Bay	1,018
	Paul Lowe	San Diego	1,010
1964	Jim Brown	Cleveland	1,446
	Jim Taylor	Green Bay	1,169
	John H. Johnson	Pittsburgh	1,048
1965	Jim Brown	Cleveland	1,544
	Paul Lowe	San Diego	1,121
1966	Jim Nance	Boston	1,458
	Gale Sayers	Chicago	1,231
	Leroy Kelly	Cleveland	1,141
	Dick Bass	Los Angeles	1,090
1967	Jim Nance	Boston	1,216
	Leroy Kelly	Cleveland	1,205
	Hoyle Granger	Houston	1,194
	Mike Garrett	Kansas City	1,087
1968	Leroy Kelly	Cleveland	1,239
	Paul Robinson	Cincinnati	1,023
1969	Gale Sayers	Chicago	1,032
1970	Larry Brown	Washington	1,125
	Ron Johnson	N.Y. Giants	1,027
1971	John Brockington	Green Bay	1,105
	Steve Owens	Detroit	1,036
	Willie Ellison	Los Angeles	1,000
1972	O. J. Simpson	Buffalo	1,251
	Larry Brown	Washington	1,216
	Ron Johnson	N.Y. Giants	1,182
	Larry Csonka	Miami	1,117
	Marv Hubbard	Oakland	1,100
	Franco Harris	Pittsburgh	1,055
	Calvin Hill	Dallas	1,036
	Mike Garrett	San Diego	1,031
	John Brockington	Green Bay	1,027
	Mercury Morris	Miami	1,000



LARRY BROWN (43) and CHARLEY HARRAWAY (31) are not only fine runners, but top blockers and pass receivers.

FLOYD LITTLE scored a career high with 13 touchdowns last season.



That's a first down every two carries. Don Shula, the Miami coach, is not a fellow to argue with the percentages. So Csonka gets the ball often.

One of the "near misses" in last year's race for the 1000-yard brass ring was John Riggins. That Riggins even came close to breaking 1000—he ended up with 944 yards—was amazing since he missed the last two games with a knee injury and he was playing on the same team with Joe Namath, which means a pass-oriented offense.

Riggins is almost as un-subtle as Csonka in punishing tacklers. You just don't bring him down unless you are a sturdy fellow.

An indication of Riggins' value to the Jets was illustrated when he complained publicly that the team was relying too much on the passing of Namath. He was listened to respectfully.

Franco Harris didn't even get to start for Pittsburgh until a third of the way through his rookie season, but then he exploded personally with an accompanying ignition for the Steelers' pennant drive.

Harris is a devastating combination of speed, moves and quick

acceleration. Six times he went over 100 yards rushing but he will live forever in football lore as the man who caught the ricochet pass in the playoff against Oakland, carrying it into the end zone for the winning touchdown with just six seconds remaining.

Denver diversified its offense last season so Little got to carry the ball 68 fewer times than in '71 when he led the AFC with 1133 yards. He got 859 last year, which comes out to the same 4.0-yard average. And Floyd scored a career high 13 touchdowns on carries and receptions.

Floyd gets a new partner this season, Purdue's Otis Armstrong, who was the most valuable player in the Big 10 last year and the Broncos' No. 1 draft choice. That could make Little more potent than ever.

At age 31 Floyd still runs like a sailboat listing in a tornado—and always seems to find the rainbow at the finish line.

Dolphin followers thought Shula was attempting diplomacy when he predicted Mercury Morris would be more valuable than ever before to the Miami club in '72. Merc had complained bitterly about his lack of activity in

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San Diego	4	9	1	.321

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3. Buffalo
4. Baltimore
5. New England

Central Division

1. Pittsburgh
2. Cincinnati
3. Cleveland
4. Houston

Western Division

1. Oakland
2. Kansas City
3. Denver
4. San Diego

The National Conference of the National Football League is full of hoary tradition. Ivy clings to the fine old fossils of the New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles. George Halas' Chicago Bears may donate themselves to the Smithsonian Institute. The Lions are as much a part of the Detroit establishment as Fischer Body.

But the American Conference, the brash, pushy nouveau riche of pro football, is full of pizzazz and glamour. It also houses the winners of four of the last five Super Bowls.

Consider the assets in the AFC treasury:

The most spectacular unbeaten, untied record since they started wearing rubber nose guards—The Miami Dolphins' fantastic, 17-0 log of 1972.

Pro football dynasty on the make—The Pittsburgh Steelers.

Those four Super Bowl champions—Miami, Baltimore and the New York Jets, all members of the Eastern Division, and the Kansas City Chiefs.

The edge in inter-conference play—The AFC won 21, lost 18 and tied one. The NFC champion Washington Redskins lost two games to AFC patsies, New England and Buffalo.

The NFL's most devastating power runner—Larry Csonka of the Dolphins.

The NFL's most dazzling outside runner—O.J. Simpson of Buffalo.

The NFL's most spectacular newcomer—Franco Harris of Pittsburgh.

The NFL's best blocking lineman—Larry Little of Miami.

The NFL's most dominant defensive player—Tackle Joe Greene of Pittsburgh.

The NFL's most successful coach—Don Shula of Miami.

The NFL's most electrifying personality—Joe Namath of the New York Jets.

And there will be more to come.

The team to beat in pro football this year obviously is the Dolphins, possibly the only team in the game without a serious flaw. And if there is a team to do the beating it most likely would be the fast-maturing, powerful Pittsburgh Steelers.

The AFC also has something else, the league's most interesting club. That's the Baltimore Colts who got a thorough housecleaning from General Manager Joe Thomas in an effort to recapture the franchise's vanishing winning ways.

The most interesting race in the league this season probably will be in the Central Division, where the Steelers, Cleveland and Cincinnati should wage total war.

Miami should get a stiffer bat-

tle from the New York Jets, who altered their defensive look.

Oakland is the clear-cut favorite in the West, with Kansas City fighting a rear-guard battle to keep its accustomed No. 2 spot. The Chiefs are trying to stem an alarming decline.

Fourth playoff qualifier through best second-place record—Cincinnati.

AFC champion—Pittsburgh
Super Bowl champion—Pittsburgh

Some of the individual honors could be distributed this way:

Most valuable player—Bob Griese, Miami quarterback. Leading scorer—Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh place kicker. Leading rusher—John Riggins, New York fullback. Leading passer—Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh quarterback. Leading receiver—Jerome Barkum, New York Jets wide receiver. Rookie of the year on offense—Steve Holden, Cleveland wide receiver. Rookie of the year on defense—Burgess Owens, New York corner back. Coach of the year—Paul Brown, Cincinnati.

All-star offense—Griese, quarterback; O. J. Simpson and Riggins, running backs; Ray Chester, Oakland, tight end; Jerome Barkum, New York, and Otis Taylor, Kansas City, wide receivers; Winston Hill, New York, and Vernon Holland, Cincinnati, tackles; Bruce Van Dyke, Pittsburgh, and Larry Little, Miami, guards; Jim Langer, Miami, center; Gerela place kicker.

All-star defense—Dwight White, Pittsburgh, and Coy Bacon, San Diego, ends; Joe Greene, Pittsburgh and Mike Reid, Cincinnati, tackles; Willie Lanier, Kansas City, middle line-

American Conference

backer; Ted Hendricks, Baltimore and Phil Villapiano, Oakland, linebackers; Clarence Scott, Cleveland and Robert James, Buffalo, corners; Jake Scott and Dick Anderson, both Miami, strong safeties; Jerrel Wilson, Kansas City, punter.

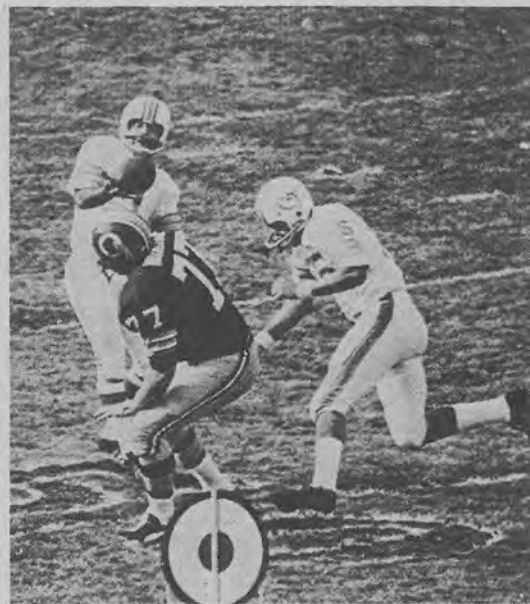
There are only two new head coaches in the conference this season—Howard Schnellenberger in Baltimore and Chuck Fairbanks in New England. There's also a "semi," since Weeb Ewbank is on his lame-duck season as head coach and will hand the

job to his son-in-law, defensive co-ordinator Charley Winner, next year.

There is one new general manager and one new stadium. The new general manager is Sid Gillman, ex-San Diego major domo, in Houston. The new stadium is the 80,000-seat park the Buffalo Bills will be using in suburban Orchard Park.



SUPER BOWL'S most exciting play: Miami's GARO YEPREMIAN (above) attempts field goal in fourth quarter, but the ball was blocked by Skins' BILL BRUNDIGE. Then Yepremian picked up the loose ball and tried a pass (right). The ball bounced off a player and into the hands of MIKE BASS (41, below), who carried it 49 yards into the end zone for Washington's only touchdown.



MIAMI DOLPHINS

PREDICTION 1ST

There was one sequence in the last Super Bowl which had frightening possibilities for the rest of the National Football League.

The Miami Dolphins had pierced Washington's defense for a touchdown and now they were on the march again. Bob Griese sent Larry Csonka into the line for eight yards and a first down. He faked the same play, slipping the ball past Csonka's tummy and into the hands of Jim Kiick. Another eight yards.

Seconds later Griese was sending Csonka through the same action and not giving him the ball. Kiick was sent through his identical moves but not given the ball. Instead there was Griese, standing calmly in the passing pocket, lofting the ball to Paul Warfield for an easy touchdown.

Unfortunately for the Dolphins Marlin Briscoe, the other wide

receiver, had jumped offside and the six points were nullified. But the play was still fraught with significance for Miami's 25 NFL rivals.

As good as the Dolphins had been in marching to an undefeated season under Super Sub, quarterback Earl Morrall, they are even better with the cold-blooded young blond at the controls.

Consider that. A team which plowed through 17 consecutive foes without even being tied, a team which pulls out last-minute victories with the greatest of aplomb, a team so cool it walks off the field after a \$25,000-a-man, Super Bowl victory looking like lunch bucket-toting workmen. Consider that team even better in 1973!

It could happen.

Morrall was a magnificent insurance policy for the Dolphins when Griese suffered a serious ankle injury in the fifth game of the season. Earl supervised the

DON SHULA, Coach.

Assistants: Tom Keane, Bill Arnsparger, Carl Taseff, Monte Clark, Mike Scarry, Bill McPeak.

running game to an all-time NFL record of 2960 yards. He led the American Conference in passing. On many ballots he was the AFC's player of the year.

But when the Dolphins found themselves tied with Pittsburgh at halftime of the AFC championship game Coach Don Shula walked over to Griese in the Miami dressing room.

"Do you think you're ready?" asked the coach.

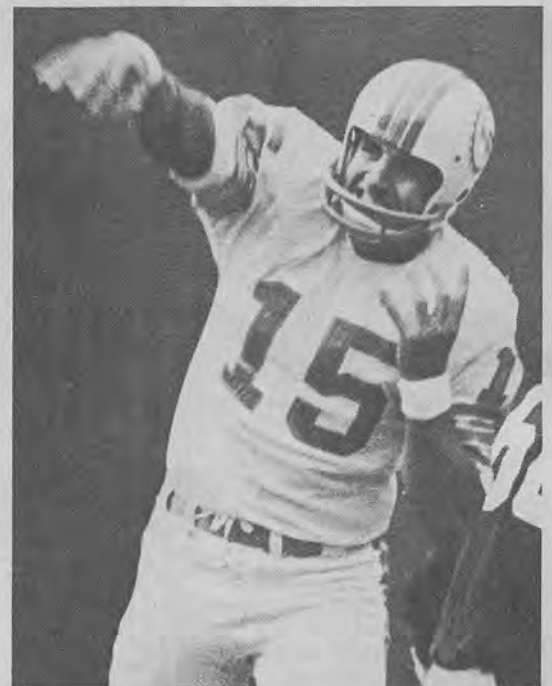
"Yeah, I'm ready," replied Griese, who had played just a few downs since he was injured when tackled by Deacon Jones of San Diego back in October.

When Griese finally did get into the game in the third quarter, the Steelers were ahead, 10-7. Griese did not play out of character. Grimly he engineered an 80-yard scoring drive for the lead. Then a 49-yarder for a cushion. Then another one at the end of the game to eat up the clock.

MERCURY MORRIS (22), Miami's lightning-like runner who rushed for 1000 yards on 190 carries last season, goes for long gainer against Minnesota.



EARL MORRALL proved to be Miami life-saver when **BOB GRIESE** was hurt.





BOB GRIESE, Dolphins' slick quarterback, preparing to hand off to swift MERCURY MORRIS (22) who picked up five yards during 14-7 Super Bowl win.



DON SHULA, Miami coach, carried off field following Super Bowl victory.

He played like he always plays, like a mechanical man, cold-eyed, unsmiling, unemotional and chillingly effective.

The rest of the NFL should beware in 1973.

Not long ago one of the league's brightest defensive coaches was asked how he would plot strategy if he played the Dolphins on a regular basis.

"My usual thing is to look closely at a team, discover a flaw and then work on that flaw," he answered. "But to be honest about it, I've looked closely at the Dolphins and I haven't found any flaw."

That the Dolphins have the running game is undeniable.

They opened last season with two outstanding runners—Larry Csonka and Jim Kiick. When they closed the season they had three outstanding runners—Csonka, Kiick and Mercury Morris.

Morris has special speed, moves like O. J. Simpson and the physique of a gymnast, which enables him to outrun, out-manuever and shake off tacklers, Shula made use of those talents heavily last year. Merc got to play more than Kiick and he gained 1000 yards on the nose.

Csonka continued to put dents

around the ears of the NFL's defensive platoons, bulling his way for 1117 yards. Kiick wasn't forgotten. He gained 521 and it was his nose-in-the-dirt style which helped key both touchdown drives in the Dolphins' 14-7 World Championship victory over the Skins.

The Dolphins scored 26 times on the ground. Every time they ran the ball they averaged 4.8 yards a try.

It helps a lot that the Miami runners have people in front of them who open some enormous holes and sweep defenders aside on a consistent basis. The offensive line may be the most amazing part of the Dolphin success story.

Center Jim Langer was a free agent, rejected by Cleveland. Guard Bob Keuchenberg flunked his first NFL chance with the Philadelphia Eagles. He played for the Chicago Owls a minor-league club, and then got a try-out with the Dolphins. Guard Larry Little, generally recognized as the best blocking lineman in pro football today, was a free agent who was traded away by San Diego for a little-known defensive back who quickly faded from the scene.

Tackle Wayne Moore was a



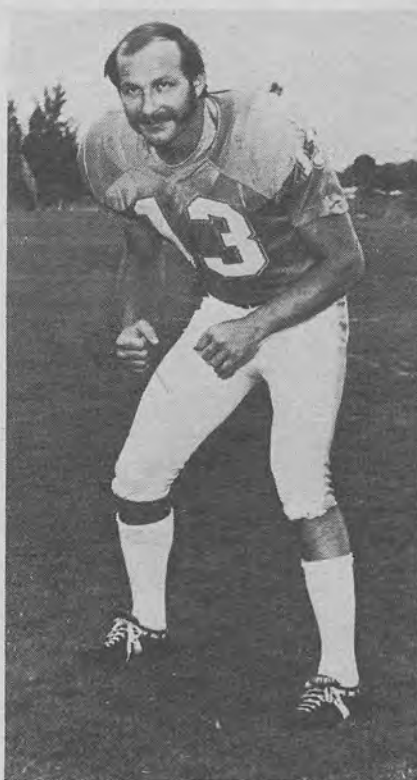
TIM FOLEY makes one of his three interceptions during the 1972 season.



PAUL WARFIELD caught 29 passes for 606 yards and three touchdowns.



BILL STANFILL, defensive end, had his best season as a pro in 1972.



JAKE SCOTT intercepted two passes in Super Bowl and was named MVP.

free agent cut by San Francisco. Norman Evans, the other tackle, was a 14th-draft choice who came to the Dolphins from Houston in the original expansion draft.

But that outfit has done spectacular things.

"I think that when a team runs a lot it helps its offensive line get better," says Howard Schnellenberger, the former Dolphin offensive co-ordinator who now is head coach at Baltimore.

The reserves are not deep. Doug Crusan, who lost his tackle job to Moore after he was injured, is the best one. That's why the first two picks were center Chuck Bradley of Oregon and guard-tackle Leon Gray of Jackson State.

The experienced running back reserves are Hubert Ginn and Charles Leigh with Tom Smith of Miami U. and Benny Shepherd of Arkansas Tech the ranking rookies.

The surprising thing about Miami's conservative running tactics is that it sets up a sensational passing game. The Dolphins don't throw much but when they do the results can be devastating. Paul Warfield, probably the most skilled receiver in the game, caught only 29 balls but averaged 20.9 yards per catch.

Howard Twilley, a Super Bowl hero, averaged 18.2 yards with his 20 receptions and Marlin Briscoe 17.4 yards and four touchdowns with his 16.

Shula also traded Otto Stowe to Dallas for Ron Sellers, a home-run catcher who led all Cowboy wide receivers last year.

The Dolphin tight ends contribute heavily to the running game with their blocking—as do Warfield and Twilley, who beat out Briscoe on that basis.

Marv Fleming is not a great receiver but he stays ahead of Jim Mandich at tight end through his skill at blasting linebackers.

The true value of place kicker Garo Yepremian might have been obscured by that bit of high burlesque in the Super Bowl when Washington blocked his field goal try and then he attempted to throw the recovered ball. That produced the Redskins' only touchdown.

But take a look at Yepremian's regular-season field goal statistics: Within the 19-yard line—7 for 7; from the 20 to the 29—3 for 3; from the 30 to the 39—7-8. He also booted three tape measure jobs of 50, 51 and 54 as a bonus.

The Dolphins' defensive front four came into its own in 1972.

The Super Bowl underlined the value of quick, tough Manny Fernandez at tackle. Bill Stanfill had his best season at end since turning pro. Vern Den Herder won a start in his second pro season and rushed the passer with spectacular results. Tackle Bob Heinz contributed steady work.

Last year's No. 1 draft choice, tackle Mike Kadish of Notre Dame, never did get activated. The expectation is that he'll press for work this season. Veteran Jim Dunaway should help if his injured back is healed and there is another ruby-in-the-rough, Maulty Moore, whom the Dolphins have been trying to smooth out for a couple of seasons.

Draftees include Karl Lorch of Southern California, Ron Fernandes of Eastern Michigan and Archie Pearmon of Northeast

Oklahoma. Lorch was a second-stringer with the national champs but Dolphin scouts considered him the Trojans' best pass rusher.

1972 will be remembered as the season the Dolphins' young outside backers, Mike Kolen and Doug Swift, came up to the standard set by middle backer Nick Buoniconti. Kolen, in particular, had a big year using his good speed to run down outside speedsters.

Bob Matheson isn't just another sub. He's the key man in the Dolphins' successful "53" defense which is used on long-yardage situations. Jesse Powell is another reliable sub and sophomore Larry Ball has big possibilities.

The Dolphins have the best safeties in the NFL, Dick Anderson and Jake Scott, the Super Bowl's most valuable player. Rookie Charles Babb and ex Colt Tom Curtis are the relievers.

The corners, overshadowed by Scott and Anderson, are good, nevertheless. Tim Foley and Curtis Johnson start but Lloyd Mumphord is an interchangeable part.

1972 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Yepremian, 115 points on 43 XP, 24 field goals	3rd
RUSHING —Csonka, 213 carries for 1117 yds., 5.2 Avg., 6 TDs	2nd
PASSING —Morrall, 83 in 150 attempts for 1360 yds., 11 TDs	1st
RECEIVING —Warfield, 29 receptions for 606 yds., 3 TDs	29th
INTERCEPTIONS —Scott, 5 for 73 yds., 14.6 Avg.	11th
PUNTING —Seiple, 36 punts, 39.9 Avg., longest 54 yds.	9th
PUNT RETURNS —Leigh, 22 for 210 yds., 9.5 Avg.	3rd
KICKOFF RETURNS —Morris, 14 for 334 yds., 23.9 Avg.	11th

Pre-season Games

July	27	College All-Stars (N)
Aug.	4	CINCINNATI (N)
	11	NEW ORLEANS (N)
	18	CHICAGO (N)
	24	LOS ANGELES (N)
	31	AT Minnesota (N)
Sept.	6	AT Dallas (N)

1973 SCHEDULE

Sept.	16	SAN FRANCISCO
	23	AT Oakland
	30	NEW ENGLAND
Oct.	7	AT N.Y. Jets
	15	AT Cleveland (N)
	21	BUFFALO
	28	AT New England
Nov.	4	NEW YORK JETS
	11	BALTIMORE
	18	AT Buffalo
	22	AT Dallas
Dec.	3	PITTSBURGH (N)
	9	AT Baltimore
	15	DETROIT

1972 Scores

—	—
52-0	—
27-17	—
—	—
24-23	—
37-21	—
28-24	—
16-0	—
30-16	—
—	—
—	—
23-0	—
—	—

The best rookies should be Bradley, Gray, Michigan receiver Bo Rather, Virginia Tech quarterback Don Strock, linebackers Kevin Reilly of Villanova and Mike Mullen of Tulane, Duke guard Ed Newman and Iowa State defensive back Dave McCurry and Tom Smith, Miami U. running back.

But the catch is that Miami is the most difficult team in the league for a rookie to crack.

DOLPHINS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
40	Anderson, Dick	S	6-2	196	27	6	Colorado
49	Babb, Charles	S	6-0	190	23	2	Memphis St.
51	Ball, Larry	LB	6-6	225	24	2	Louisville
86	Briscoe, Marlin	WR	5-11	178	27	5	Omaha
85	Buoniconti, Nick	LB	5-11	220	32	12	Notre Dame
31	Cole, Terry	RB	6-1	225	28	5	Indiana
77	Crusan, Doug	T	6-4	250	27	6	Indiana
39	Csonka, Larry	RB	6-2	237	26	6	Syracuse
43	Curtis, Tom	S	6-1	195	26	3	Michigan
11	Del Gaizo, Jim	QB	6-1	198	26	2	Tampa
83	Den Herder, Vern	DE	6-6	250	24	3	Central, Iowa
78	Dunaway, Jim	DT	6-4	277	32	11	Mississippi
73	Evans, Norm	T	6-5	250	30	9	TCU
75	Fernandez, M.	DT	6-2	250	27	6	Utah
80	Fleming, Mary	TE	6-4	232	31	11	Utah
25	Foley, Tim	CB	6-0	194	24	4	Purdue
32	Ginn, Hubert	RB	5-10	185	26	4	Fla. A&M
12	Griese, Bob	QB	6-1	190	28	7	Purdue
72	Heinz, Bob	DT-DE	6-6	265	26	5	Pacific
60	Jenkins, Al	G-T	6-2	245	27	4	Tulsa
28	Jenkins, Ed	RB	6-2	210	23	2	Holy Cross
45	Johnson, Curtis	CB	6-1	196	25	4	Toledo
68	Kadish, Mike	DT	6-2	265	23	2	Notre Dame
21	Kick, Jim	RB	5-11	214	27	6	Wyoming
54	Kindig, Howard	T-C	6-6	260	32	7	Cal Los A.
57	Kolen, Mike	LB	6-2	220	25	4	Auburn
67	Kuechenberg, Bob	G	6-2	248	25	4	Notre Dame
62	Langer, Jim	C	6-2	250	25	4	S. Dak. St.
23	Leigh, Charles	RB	5-11	206	27	5	None
66	Little, Larry	G	6-1	265	27	7	B-Cookman
88	Mandich, Jim	TE	6-2	224	25	4	Michigan
53	Matheson, Bob	LB	6-4	235	28	7	Duke
65	Moore, Maulty	DT	6-5	265	27	2	B-Cookman
79	Moore, Wayne	T	6-6	285	27	4	Lamar Tech
15	Morrall, Earl	QB	6-2	210	39	18	Mich. St.
22	Morris, Mercury	RB	5-10	190	26	5	W. Tex. St.
26	Mumphord, Lloyd	CB	5-10	176	26	5	Tex. So'ern
89	Noonan, Karl	WR	6-2	198	29	7	Iowa
56	Powell, Jesse	LB	6-2	220	26	5	W. Tex. St.
13	Scott, Jake	S	6-0	188	28	4	Georgia
20	Seiple, Larry	TE-P	6-0	214	28	7	Kentucky
	Sellers, Ron	WR	6-4	205	25	5	Florida St.
84	Stanfill, Bill	DE	6-5	250	26	5	Georgia
48	Stuckey, Henry	DB	6-0	180	23	3	Missouri
59	Swift, Doug	LB	6-3	226	25	4	Amherst
81	Twilley, Howard	WR	5-10	185	29	8	Tulsa
42	Warfield, Paul	WR	6-0	188	30	10	Ohio St.
1	Yepremian, Garo	K	5-8	175	29	6	None

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Boyd, Greg	RB	6-2½	201	22	Arizona
Bradley, Chuck	C	6-6	227	22	Oregon
Burke, Michael	K	5-9½	185	23	Miami, Fla.
Carter, Jodie	DB	5-11	180	22	Henderson
Fernandes, Ron	DE	6-4	260	22	East. Mich.
Garton, Greg	G	6-2	270	23	No. Illinois
George, Leonard	DE	5-10	175	22	Florida
Gray, Leon	T	6-3	256	22	Jackson St.
Hatter, Willie	WR	5-11	175	22	No. Illinois
House, Cleo	RB	5-10	234	23	Southern
Inglehart, John	LB	6-3	237	22	Hayward
Jackson, James	DE	6-4	220	24	Norfolk Col.
Kete, Chris	C	6-2½	225	22	Boston Col.
Lewis, Willie	DB	6-0	185	24	S. Jose St.
Lorch, Karl	DE	6-3½	240	23	So. Calif.
McCurry, Dave	DE	6-0½	187	22	Iowa St.
Mullen, Mike	MLB	6-1	220	23	Tulane
Newman, Ed	G	6-2	236	22	Duke
Palmer, Bill	TE	6-3	235	22	St. Thomas
Pearmon, Archie	DE	6-4	235	23	N.E. Okla.
Rather, Dave	WR	6-1	184	22	Michigan
Reilly, Kevin	LB	6-1½	213	22	Villanova
Shepherd, Ben	RB	5-10	196	23	Ark. Tech
Smith, Tom	RB	6-1	216	23	Miami (Fla.)
Strock, Don	QB	6-5	205	22	Va. Tech
Strunk, Greg	DB	6-0½	190	22	Northwestern
Turner, Tom	TE	6-5	217	23	Western Ky.
Wade, Charley	WR	5-9½	164	23	Tenn. St.
Washington, J.	RB	5-9	180	22	Illinois St.
White, Jeff	K	5-11	185	25	El Paso



NICK BUONICONTI is key of Miami defense at middle linebacker spot.

NEW YORK JETS

PREDICTION 2ND

Weeb Ewbank, the jolly little round man, came to a momentous decision after last season. He decided that just one more year of coaching football would be his fill.

Now a problem arose as a result of that decision. The problem was who would succeed Weeb when he stepped down. Ewbank was put in charge of the search for his successor.

Weeb searched and searched. Thought and thought.

Then he arrived at what he considered would be an ideal conclusion: He would bring in Charley Winner as his successor. After all, Charley was an experienced defensive coach. He worked for a long time with Weeb in Baltimore as an assistant. He had been a head coach in St. Louis, although he got fired

a couple of years ago. Charley, thought Weeb, would be just dandy.

There is a little something else that entered into it. Charley is also Weeb's son-in-law.

The Jets have reupholstered their weak defense this year and stand a first-rate chance of making some big waves in the Eastern Division, even waves which might engulf Miami. But how much will that defensive improvement be nullified by the fact that nepotism has reared its ugly head?

Miffed with being passed over in place of Winner, defensive coach Walt Michaels, a highly popular assistant, split for the Philadelphia Eagles. Winner replaces him as defensive co-ordinator.

Winner will not only be closely watched by his players for his performance as the defensive

WEEB EWANK, Coach.
Assistants: Ed Biles, Ken Shipp, Mike Holovak, Charley Winner, C. W. Hewgley, Bud Ryan.



JOE NAMATH led the NFL in TD passes (19) and in passing yardage (2816).



DON MAYNARD is NFL's all-time receiver with 632 catches in 14 seasons.

thinker, they also will be assessing him as the future leader.

If Charley can pull it off, the Jets could be a power for a long time.

The defensive re-upholstering started the day before the common draft when the Jets swapped a pair of draft choices to the New Orleans Saints for defensive end Richard Neal and corner back Delles Howell. In the judgement of many NFL watchers, Neal is about to mature into one of the league's better young defensive ends. He was widely sought in trades before the Jets swung their deal. Howell is considered more skilled, by far, than any corner the Jets employed last year.

Neal will fill the position which used to be occupied by one-time all-pro Gerry Philbin. Philbin, who grew up with the Jets, became embroiled in a contract controversy with Ewbank and was traded to Kansas City.

Howell's acquisition and the

drafting of corner Burgess Owens of Miami should free Steve Tannen for another audition at safety. Tannen, once a first-round draft choice, never has panned out as a corner but he might be able to cut it at safety now that he's matured a bit.

The Jets were beside themselves when they were able to draft Owens. Ewbank's staff coached him in the Senior Bowl and they thought he was the greatest thing since draught beer.

He absolutely was worn by Steve Holden, the Arizona State All-America whom Cleveland drafted No. 1. Most scouts consider him the best corner to come along since Jim Marsalis of Kansas City. He should be an immediate plus for the Jets.

Neal, Howell and Owens should shore up the defense considerably, particularly if some of the other Jet youngsters keep improving on defense.

These latter include Mike Taylor, a No. 1 pick last year who got to play a lot as a linebacker late in the season. Taylor's development into a competent starter as a sophomore is vital to the New York program. It also would help if Ed Galigher, a rookie contributor as a defensive tackle, and Joey Jackson, another helpful rookie in '72, keep progressing.

Chris Farasopoulos, a rookie flop two years ago, showed signs of developing into a good pro safety at times last year. He has speed and moxie.

The defensive standbys still include John Elliott the quick tackle who has been plagued by injuries for the last couple of years; Al Atkinson, the sound middle linebacker; and Larry Grantham, although the Brass seems ready to phase him out.

Steve Thompson's decision to recant his retirement after last season started should pay some dividends in '73. He can help as an end or tackle. Mark Lomas is now considered one of the better pass rushers among Eastern Division defensive ends.

If Owens and Howell make it big at corner, Earlie Thomas and Tannen both could get a look at safety. Other defensive backs



JOHN RIGGINS gained 948 yards on ground, only four shy of club record.



CHRIS FARASOPOULOS led Jets in punt and kickoff returns last season.

with experience include Phil Wise, Rich Sowells and Rocky Turner, the kick returner.

Depth at linebacker could come from seasoned Paul Crane, who was injured most of last year, John Ebersole and Bill Zapalac. Zapalac also doubles as a defensive end.

While all the changing around on defense was necessary, when you talk Jets you still talk offense. That's pronounced Joe Namath.

Namath played a full season for the first time in three years. He threw 19 touchdown passes, accounted for 2816 yards and averaged 8.69 every time he threw. His TDs and yardage led the entire NFL.

He became the third quarterback in league history to pass for 400 yards in two games during a season. The two games were against Baltimore and Oakland, clubs renowned for their defense against the pass. He stung the Colts for 496 yards and six touchdowns. Playing with his best running backs injured in the Oakland game he found the Raiders vulnerable for 403 yards worth.

The beauty part of the Jet offense, however, is that it is not

obliged on Namath's arm. Nor does Namath over-rely on his own passing.

Fran Tarkenton swears a pro quarterback is not at the top of his game until he is past 30. Namath just reaches 30 this year but last year Joe gave definite signs of deep maturity. He takes what he gets these days, pouring a running attack at what he thinks is vulnerable to a running attack, firing his rockets at what he detects as a weakness in pass defense.

If the Jets possessed a stronger defense and had kept their running backs healthy it might have paid-off in a playoff position last year.

The New York running game can be devastating. For a large part of the season sophomore pro John Riggins led the AFC in ground gaining. Injured he had to be content with 948 yards, which was only four shy of Matt Snell's club record.

His running mate, Emerson Boozer, exploded for 14 touchdowns on runs and receptions. He carried for 549 yards. The sticky part was that Riggins and Boozer played together in only

five games. The Jets just didn't have the bench to make it without them.

Clifford McClain was the only sub who displayed much promise. Most of it came in the Thanksgiving Day game in Detroit when he rumbled for 121 yards. The depth problem might have been eased when Ewbank traded Philbin to Kansas City for Mike Adamle, a good little spot player.

Namath's passing effectiveness could be inflated if young Jerome Barkum progresses much in his sophomore year. Barkum was a first-round draftee last year but he delayed signing his contract until the Jets were well into training camp. When you are a rookie pass receiver you just can't afford missing rehearsal time with a quarterback like Namath. Barkum should be a much better player for the summer he spends with Joe.

Last year's starters, little Ed Bell and the all-time pass catching champ, Don Maynard, likely will share a job. Namath has trouble finding the diminutive Bell in heavy traffic. Maynard can't be counted on for 14 games at the age of 36.

But the big hitter among the receivers isn't split out wide. He's tight end Richard Caster who led the American Conference in yardage with 833, touchdowns with 10 and per-catch average, 21.4. He still suffers from occasional lack of concentration but he has the makings of a super star.



WINSTON HILL, offensive tackle, has played in six straight Pro Bowl games.

Another who could help is New Orleans' wide receiver Margene Adkins who came to the Jets with punter Julian Fagan for sub quarterback Bob Davis and punter Steve O'Neal.

Fagan averaged 41.6 yards punting over three seasons with the Saints.

The Jets themselves rate their offensive line adequate. Tackle Winston Hill made his sixth consecutive trip to the Pro Bowl but the tackle on the other side, Bob Svihus, sagged noticeably. Guard Randy Rasmussen had a big year but guard Dave Herman and center John Schmitt won't press 1972 into their memory book. Maybe it's time to look at reserves like John Mooring, ex Cardinal Vernon Emerson and Roy Kirksey?

Best of the Jet rookies should be safety Burgess Owens, Miami U., offensive lineman Robert Woods of Tennessee State, linebackers Bruce Bannon of Penn State and Bill Ferguson of San Diego State. A good one, Travis Roach of Texas, signed in Canada.

1972 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Howfield, 121 points on 40 XP, 27 field goals	1st
RUSHING —Riggins, 207 carries for 944 yards, 4.6 Avg., 7 TDs	7th
PASSING —Namath, 162 in 324 attempts for 2816 yds., 19 TDs	8th
RECEIVING —Caster, 39 receptions for 833 yds., 10 TDs	12th
INTERCEPTIONS —Tannen, 7 for 125 yds., 17.9 Avg.	2nd
PUNTING —O'Neal, 51 punts, 39.3 Avg., longest 57 yds.	10th
PUNT RETURNS —Farasopoulos, 17 for 179 yds., 10.5 Avg., 65-yd. TD	1st
KICKOFF RETURNS —Farasopoulos, 26 for 267 yds., 24.1 Avg.	10th

Pre-season Games

Aug. 3 AT Houston (N)	
11 San Francisco at Tampa, Fla.	
19 N.Y. Giants at N. Haven, Conn.	
25 AT St. Louis (N)	
Sept. 1 AT New Orleans (N)	
8 Phila. at Tampa, Fla.	

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Sept. 17	AT Green Bay (Mil.) (N)	—
23	AT Baltimore	44-34
30	AT Buffalo	41-24
Oct. 7	MIAMI	17-27
14	NEW ENGLAND	34-10
21	PITTSBURGH	—
28	DENVER	—
Nov. 4	AT Miami	24-28
11	AT New England	41-13
18	AT Cincinnati	—
25	ATLANTA	—
Dec. 2	BALTIMORE	24-20
9	AT Philadelphia	—
16	BUFFALO	41-3



STEVE TANNEN could be playing a new position for Jets during '73 season.

JETS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
1	Adamle, Mike	RB	5-9	197	23	3	No'western
	Adkins, Margene	WR	5-10	183	20	2	Houston
82	Arthur, Gray	TE	6-5	230	25	3	Miami (O)
62	Atkinson, Al	LB	6-2	230	30	9	Villanova
51	Baker, Ralph	LB	6-3	228	31	10	Penn St.
83	Barkum, Jerome	WR	6-3	215	23	2	Jackson St.
7	Bell, Ed	WR	5-10	160	26	4	Idaho St.
40	Bjorklund, Hank	RB	6-1	200	23	2	Princeton
32	Boozar, Emerson	RB	5-11	195	30	8	Idaho St.
88	Caster, Richard	TE	6-5	228	24	4	Jackson St.
56	Crane, Paul	LB-C	6-2	212	29	8	Alabama
15	Davis, Bob	QB	6-2	205	28	7	Virginia
55	Ebersole, John	LB	6-3	227	24	4	Penn St.
80	Elliott, John	DT	6-4	244	28	7	Texas
	Emmerson, Vern	T	6-5	260	28	5	Duluth
	Fagan, Julian	P	6-3	205	25	4	Mississippi
19	Farasopoulos, C.	S	5-11	190	24	3	Brig. Young
85	Galigher, Ed	DE-DT	6-4	255	22	2	UCLA
60	Grantham, Larry	LB	6-0	210	34	14	Mississippi
36	Harkey, Steve	RB	6-0	215	24	3	Ga. Tech
67	Herman, Dave	G	6-1	255	32	10	Mich. St.
75	Hill, Winston	T	6-4	270	31	11	Tex. So'ern
24	Howell, Delles	CB	6-4	200	25	4	Grambling
3	Howfield, Bobby	K	5-9	180	36	6	None
86	Jackson, Joey	DE-DT	6-4	257	24	2	N. Mex. St.
63	Kirksey, Roy	G	6-1	252	25	3	Mich. St.
57	Little, John	DT	6-3	245	26	4	Oklahoma
84	Lomas, Mark	DE-DT	6-4	245	25	4	No. Arizona
13	Maynard, Don	WR	6-1	179	36	15	Tex. West.
42	McClain, Cliff	RB	6-0	217	25	4	S.C. State
71	Mooring, John	T-C	6-6	255	26	3	Tampa
12	Namath, Joe	QB	6-2	200	30	9	Alabama
	Nance, Jim	RB	6-1	238	31	9	Syracuse
81	Neal, Richard	DE	6-3	260	25	5	Southern
20	O'Neal, Steve	P	6-3	185	27	5	Tex. A&M
66	Rasmussen, Randy	G	6-2	255	28	7	Kearney
44	Riggins, John	RB	6-2	230	24	3	Kansas
52	Schmitt, John	C	6-4	250	30	10	Hofstra
46	Sowells, Rich	CB	6-0	175	24	3	Alcorn A&M
89	Stewart, Wayne*	TE	6-7	228	26	5	California
76	Svihus, Bob	T	6-4	245	30	9	So. Calif.
21	Tannen, Steve	CB-S	6-1	194	25	4	Florida
50	Taylor, Mike	LB	6-1	230	23	2	Michigan
45	Thomas, Earlie	CB	6-1	190	27	4	Colo. St.
87	Thompson, Steve	DT	6-5	245	28	5	Washington
29	Turner, Rocky	WR-S	6-0	190	23	2	Chattanooga
27	Wise, Phil	S	6-0	190	24	3	Omaha
18	Woodall, Al	QB	6-5	205	27	5	Duke
53	Zapalac, Bill	LB	6-4	225	25	3	Texas

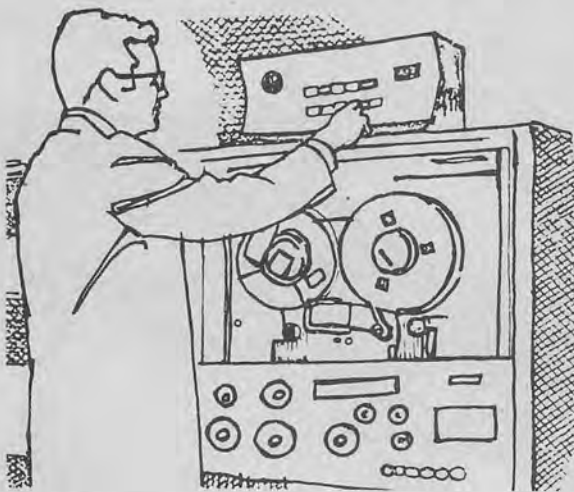
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58	Carbone, Joe	LB	6-2	220	22	Delaware
77	Czerwinski, John	T	6-5	239	22	Bowl. Green
64	Dempsey, Wally	LB	6-1	235	29	Wash. St.
34	Ferguson, Bill	LB	6-3	225	22	S. Diego St.
11	Foot, Jim	P	6-1	208	22	Del. Val.
70	Ginnetti, Joe	C	6-3	250	24	So. Conn. St.
25	Haggard, Mike	WR	6-3	181	22	So. Carolina
17	Hammond, Gary	WR	5-11	180	24	SMU
54	Harrell, Rick	C	6-3	238	22	Clemson
26	Knight, David	WR	6-1	182	22	Wm. & Mary
79	Krempin, Jim	T	6-6	275	23	Tex. A&I
2	Owens, B.	CB-S	6-2	200	22	Miami
73	Parrish, Bob	DT	6-5	225	22	Duke
78	Puetz, Garry	T	6-3	225	21	Valparaiso
65	Roach, Travis	G	6-2	259	23	Texas
30	Schwartz, Joe	RB	6-1	205	22	Toledo
47	Seifert, Rick	S	6-0	190	22	Ohio St.
39	Spicer, Rob	LB	6-4	227	22	Indiana
89*	Williams, M.	TE	6-5	239	22	N.C. Central
72	Woods, Robert	T	6-3	255	23	Tenn. St.
28	Young, Ulysses	DB	6-3	190	23	Allen

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BUFFALO BILLS

LOU SABAN, Coach.

Assistants: Bill Atkins, John Ray, Stan Jones, Jim Ringo, Bob Shaw, Ed Cavanaugh.

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Their names were Jeff Curchin and John Matlock and Dick Hart and Tom Beard. They all had two things in common.

A. At one time or another during the 1972 football season they started in the offensive line for the Buffalo Bills.

B. Shortly after the 1972 season was over none of them were members of the Buffalo Bills.

Last season was the Year of the Stranger in the Buffalo offensive huddle. "We used to introduce ourselves to the offensive line before every game," quipped O. J. Simpson. "I don't think I was introduced to the same guy two weeks in succession."

The Bills lost seven guards and four centers through injury or illness. Despite playing behind a Salvation Army offensive line, Simpson led the entire National League yardage gained while lugging the football. He gained 1251 yards with his 292 carries and few of them were easy.

The Bills also had their best season since 1966, when they won their third straight Eastern Division championship in the old American League. It may be coincidence but the coach then and the coach now is Lou Saban. In between he was an expatriate in Maryland and Denver but Saban was greeted like a prodigal in Western New York.

No one gave him a warmer greeting than O.J. Saban was the first pro coach to devise an offense which would make full use of Simpson's running skills.

The emphasis was on run. It wasn't exactly "O. J. left, O. J. right, O. J. up the middle," but it was close. Those basic tactics paid off. Not just for O.J.'s personal dossier. The Bills closed by playing a tie with Detroit in a game which probably cost Joe Schmidt his coaching job and then upsetting Washington, the National Conference champion.

Possibly Saban may have im-



DENNIS SHAW hands off to O.J. SIMPSON who rushed for 1251 yards in '72.

proved on his team's 4-9-1 record except for some miserable luck.

Veteran guard Irv Goode, the most consistent offensive lineman during the exhibition season, suffered a knee injury just before the opening game and sat out all 14 games. Center Bruce Jarvis tore up a knee in the opener and missed 13 games. Starting guard Jim Reilly never got out of the starting blocks. A kidney ailment made him a spectator from the opening day of training camp.

There were compensations. Rookie guard Reggie McKenzie had to play because of the injuries and turned in an excellent season. Tackle Dave Foley, claimed from the Jets, played the best football of his pro career, even though he needed post-season surgery on his knee. Sophomore tackle Donnie Green kept progressing.

To guard against a repeat of such a plague, Saban drafted two offensive linemen with his pair of first-round picks. They are Michigan tackle Paul Seymour and Michigan State guard Joe DeLa-

mielleure. In addition he traded with New England for guard Mike Montler, who also can play tackle and center in a pinch.

Saban knows all about those pinches.

With a skilled and healthy offensive line, there is no telling what Simpson might accomplish. But just as important as the reinforcement is the schedule.

Last year Buffalo played half its 14 games against playoff teams. This year the only such games are the two mandatory divisional meetings with Miami. Only two other clubs on the Bills' card won more than they lost, Kansas City and Cincinnati. San Francisco, Washington, Pittsburgh and Cleveland have been replaced by New Orleans, Philadelphia and Atlanta.

The Bills also will have something psychological going for them in their quest for improvement. It's the new 80,000 seat Rich stadium in suburban Orchard Park. The players sometimes found it demoralizing to call old War Memorial Stadium, a monument to decay, their home.



BOB JAMES, a 6-1, 189-pound veteran cornerback, was among Bills' players to play in Pro Bowl last season.



J.D. HILL ranked fourth among AFC receivers—52 for 754 yards, 5 TDs.

Simpson is used to extra attention from every defense Buffalo faces, but the hurdles placed before him following his spectacular season could be more formidable than anything he's seen before.

Saban has been thinking about that. So O. J. may have a new running mate in '73. Last year was hard-blocking, hard-running Jim Braxton's first year as a starter and it was satisfactory. But the coaches are intrigued by the possibilities offered by Randy Jackson, a 220-pound blazer.

The Bills also have Ted Koy, who can double as a tight end, plus two interesting rookies, Lee Fobbs of Grambling and Vin O'Neil of Kansas.

Jan White, the ex Ohio State star, is an honest workman at tight end, but Saban would like a better pass-receiving threat. John Ford of Henderson State is a rookie longshot.

Next to Simpson, the key man in the offense is quarterback Dennis Shaw. Shaw has some big days as a passer. He tied the club record with 14 touchdown passes last year despite the emphasis on the run. But he also has some horrible days throwing and is capable of some weird maneuvers as a field general.

Behind him is Leo Hart, unimpressive in his short stint with last year's club, and two rookies, Joe Ferguson and Matt Reed. Ferguson presents a possible project for the future. He was rated one-two with LSU's Bert Jones last year before the college season began. But then the Arkansas star suffered through a poor senior season. The Bills think he was a good pick for the third round.

Reed likely will end up playing some other position, tight end, linebacker, running back or safety. The scouting reports didn't rate him highly as a quarterback but spoke well of his athletic ability.

The wide receivers, J. D. Hill and Bob Chandler are outstanding. Hill can become a super star. They say the blazers don't mean that much against the zone but one of his strengths is catching the short pass and taking off with it. Chandler is a decathlon man and one of his strengths is no one thinks he's as fast as he really is.

Also on the roster is Dwight Harrison, who came to the Bills last mid-season in a trade for Haven Moses. Moses ended up a star for the Broncos so Saban

may unleash Harrison to prove something. He's a stringy type but fast and tough. He played only a few downs in Buffalo. The draft brought two interesting types—Wallace Francis, a sleeper from Arkansas AM&N and Mike Reppond, Ferguson's battery mate at Arkansas.

Saban took some serious steps toward solving his many defensive problems last year. One was installing Walt Patulski, who came out of Notre Dame as the No. 1 pick in the entire draft, as a starting defensive end from the start. When last seen Patulski was sitting on Billy Kilmer's head in RFK Stadium in Washington.

Almost as vital to the improvement of the line was the claiming on waivers of tackle Don Croft from Baltimore. Croft had starred for the Colts in preseason games but for some reason they exposed him on waivers. He was an immediate hit in Buffalo which was another reason Colt general manager Joe Thomas torpedoed his coaching staff.

Saban also claimed Jerry Patton off the Minnesota roster. Patton was an improvement but he doesn't have the size for steady work in the NFL pits. End Al Cowlings was traded to Houston.

As a result Saban traded for three ends, Allen Aldridge of Houston, Halvor Hagen of New England and Lee Thomas of San Diego. The Bills also drafted three defensive linemen—Bob Kampa of California, Jeff Winans of Southern California and Jeff Yeates of Boston College.

The linebacking is not first-rate. Jim Cheyunski came in the New England trade to challenge Dick Cunningham and Ken Lee at middle linebacker. Dave Washington was up and down but he's the top rated outside backer. Ex Dolphin Dale Farley challenges veteran Mike Stratton for the other job but Lee could be switched to the outside to take advantage of his speed. Also getting into the act will be rookie John Skorupan, the Penn State All-America, and Brian McConnell of Michigan State.

Three out of four secondary positions may be solid. The sure thing is the corner manned by

Pro Bowler Robert James. Tony Greene, the other corner, is often outmanned by the likes of John

Riggins and Larry Csonka coming around the bend, but few can match him in coverage. Sophomore Leon Garror, veterans Alvin Wyatt and rookie Don Walker of Central Ohio vie for the backup duty.

John Saunders didn't get much of an audition until late in the rookie season but then won the strong safety job. He looked good. Maurice Tyler, a second-year man could make free safety an asset. Veteran John Pitts is more experienced at strong safety. Ex-charger Chuck Detweiler is another challenger.



DON CROFT, defensive tackle, proved big hit in his second year with Buffalo.

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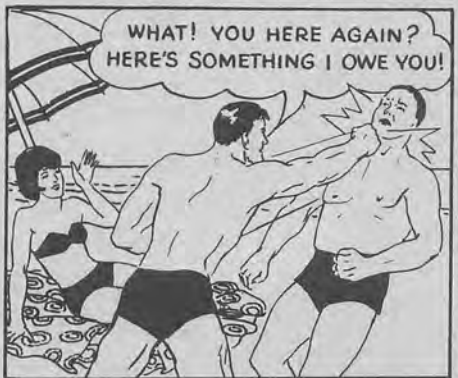
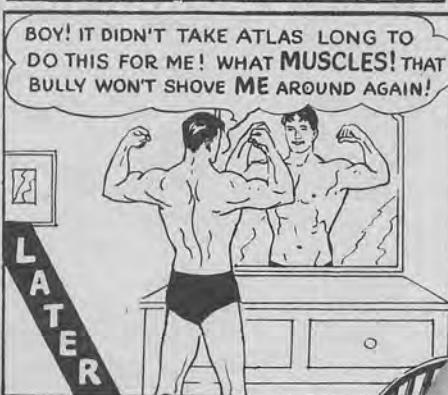
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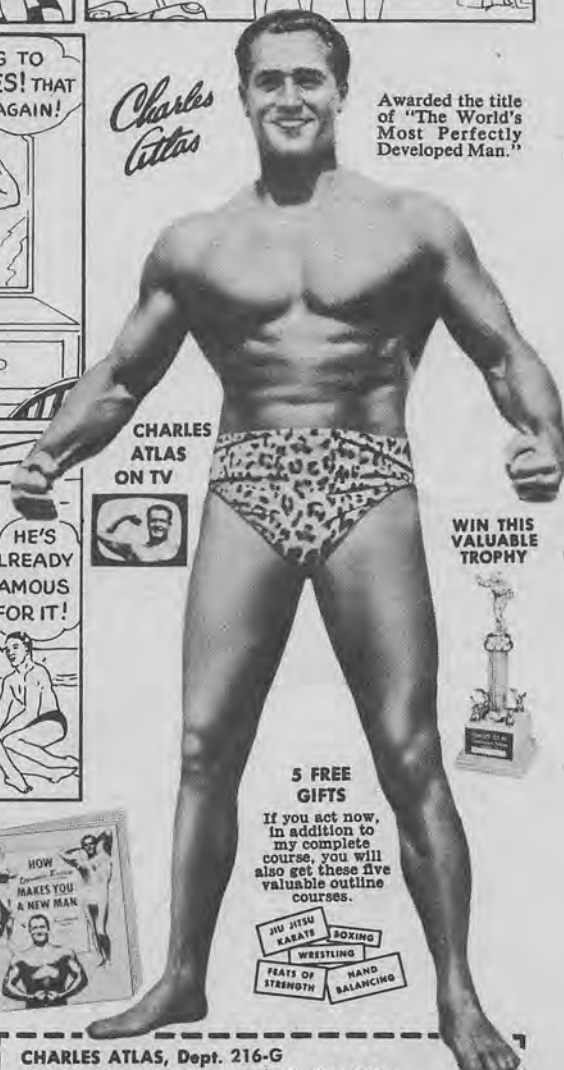
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BALTIMORE COLTS

PREDICTION 4TH

The Baltimore Colts started out the 1972 football season by having one helluva good time down in their new training camp in Florida. They should have known better. Almost nothing that happens to the Colts in Florida is ever really good.

A few months before, their season had ended abruptly as the Dolphins pounded them, 21-0, in the American Conference championship game.

But who can think of omens when your attention is riveted on bikinis around the co-ed dorms of your college billets?

Amidst all their frolicking a general manager was taking office for the Colts. His name was Joe Thomas. For the Colt old guard, that name will live in infamy.

What Thomas did was change the outlook of a team which had been an almost-automatic winner for a decade or more. From this season on the Baltimore club will travel in a different direction. Whether the direction is the correct one or not is a matter of conjecture.

When Thomas finished his reshaping John Unitas was no longer a Colt. Neither was Tom Matte. Nor John Mackey. Nor Norm Bulaich. Nor Dan Sullivan. Nor Bill Curry. Nor Jerry Logan. Nor Fred Miller, Nor Billy Newsome. Nor Tom Nowatzke. Nor Bob Vogel.

For years those old Colts had smelled nothing but success. When Thomas came into power he sniffed something else. He took it for decay. When his club lost in the summer games, then continued losing in the regular season Thomas acted.

When he was finished he had purged a platoon of players, fired two head coaches and set a new policy.

"He's breaking up a family," moaned one of the old guard.

"They call it a family," sniffed Thomas. "I call it a clique. Teams grow up together, win together, then go down together. I think this team can be turned around and changed before it's too late. I think this team can be a contender this year. And I don't mean a .500 record. I mean a contender."

Howard Schnellenberger, Coach.
Assistants: Bobby Franklin, Dick Voris, George Young, Ray Callahan, Pete McCulley, George Sefcik.

Nominated to carry out those stiff orders is Howard Schnellenberger, the thoughtful firm offensive co-ordinator for the World Champion Miami Dolphins. He got the job after the 1973 draft.

With Unitas shipped to San Diego, Schnellenberger's re-forming will be done with young Marty Domres at quarterback. The ex Columbia star came to Baltimore from San Diego at the start of last year. Thomas ordered the interim coach, John Sandusky, to play Domres after head coach Don McCafferty was fired early in the season.

There were times when Domres looked like the answer. Unfortunately those times never were against a top team. Marty also has another monkey on his back. The demanding fans of Baltimore seem to resent him because he is the one who replaced Unitas. It's the same type of sports psychology which causes baseball fans to resent Hank Aaron's pursuit of Babe Ruth's career home run record.

At any rate Domres was sitting at the Baltimore draft table

RAY MAY (56), MIKE CURTIS (32) and TED HENDRICKS (83) provide Colts with one of best set of linebackers in NFL.





MARTY DOMRES became starter for the first time in pros during 1972.



BRUCE LAIRD is being switched from safety to corner position this year.



TOM MITCHELL is standout blocker and caught 40 passes last season.

last winter when Thomas made his number one selection. "We take Bert Jones, Louisiana State quarterback," said Thomas. Domres' jaw dropped.

Marty still has time. He can solidify himself with a good showing while Jones is in the early development stage.

Domres' running backs are, like him, the product of Thomas' purge. Don McCauley led the club with 675 yards. He went in when Matte went out. Don Nottingham, the squat little fullback, has impressive power but Schnellenberger may want to play two halfback types. If he does McCauley will get Lydell Mitchell, the former Penn State star as a mate.

Mitchell got to play late in the season and averaged five yards a carry. He's a first-class player. He can catch passes and he's familiar with the path to the end zone.

Thomas, who drafted Larry Csonka for Miami, is partial to fullbacks with crunch and blocking power. He thinks he may have one in rookie Bill Olds of Nebraska. Olds' blocking overshadowed his running, which averaged seven yards a tote.

Thomas gambled later in the draft and took Ed Williams, once a star at West Virginia who has been in the Canadian League for

two seasons. He also drafted Marty Januszkiewicz, Syracuse fullback who could be a sleeper.

Domres will have no such quality among his receivers. Sam Havrilak is a good all-around athlete but he's not the type of wide receiver who forces a defense to do something it doesn't want to do. Jim O'Brien's pass catching was as inconsistent as his field goaling. Eddie Hinton, once a prospective super star, has slipped badly. Cotton Speyrer seems too fragile to count on.

Unless a trade is swung, the Colts need quick development from former Michigan ace Glenn Doughty, hurt most of his rookie season. Willie Franklin spent most of his time on the taxi squad. Best of the draftees is Ollie Smith of Tennessee State.

With Mackey gone Tom Mitchell had tight end all to himself and caught 40 passes. Schnellenberger likes his blocking, too. There is no real depth. Journeyman John Mosier and John Andrews line up behind Mitchell.

The offensive trouble area could be the line. Curry, Sullivan and Vogel were starters. Thomas traded with Cleveland for vet Fred Hoaglin to get an experienced center. Glenn Ressler is the best Baltimore lineman, a guard of quality. Corney Johnson has started off and on at guard and

Tom Regner, who came from Houston in the Curry deal, should make things palatable there. Ken Mendenhall is another seasoned center.

Tackle can be a touchy situation. Sophomore Tom Drougas and young Dennis Nelson must come up with improved seasons if the Colts are to get better. Behind them is no seasoning. Gery Palmer of Kansas and guard David Taylor of Catawba are the best bets to provide emergency support.

O'Brien is all but phased out as a field-goal kicker. The man who won the Super Bowl with a clutch kick against Dallas two years ago made only 13 of 31 field goals last year. He missed three from within the 29, five of eight between the 30 and 39. Obie still has the leg but he seems to have psyched himself, which is not unusual with kickers. George Hunt couldn't beat out Don Cockroft in Cleveland last year but the Colts felt he was worth a fourth-round draft choice. He's the favorite for the place-kicking job with Karl Kremser, an ex Dolphin, waiting in the wings.

Defensively the Colts will have at least one rookie in their front four. Most likely freshman to be there is Joe Ehrmann, a big, tough tackle from Syracuse. He

was the team's second first-round draft choice. Ehrmann had an injury-pocked collegiate career but he convinced the scouts with an outstanding performance in the East-West Shrine game.

The entire Baltimore organization is holding its breath over Bubba Smith. The huge all-pro tore up a knee in a freak exhibition-game injury last summer. For a time it was feared his career was finished. But he started making a sound recovery during the winter. It's normal for a knee-case to come back slowly in his first year but the Colts can't afford anything slow from Bubba. If the worst happens, the job probably would go to another rookie, second-round pick Mike Barnes from Miami U.

The other end, Roy Hilton, was on the trading block during the purge. Jim Bailey can be a class tackle if he reaches his potential this season. The roster also includes veteran tackle Chuck Hinton and Dick Amman, a sophomore end.

One group that Thomas never considered disrupting through trade was the linebackers. "We have the best in the league," he says flatly. He won't get too many arguments. Mike Curtis in the middle, flanked by Ted Hendricks and Ray May are an ideal combination. They co-ordinate beautifully in the defense's coverage and anti-run maneuvers. Curtis remains a teeth-rattling hitter.

There was some concern about depth. That's why they took Tennessee's Jamie Rotella in the third round. "We considered him the best linebacker in the draft," explained Thomas.

There are three experienced men behind the starters. Stan White plays in the middle with Bill Laskey and Randy Edmunds equipped to play the outside. Edmunds seems most vulnerable to a challenge by Rotella.

There was general dissatisfaction with the corners, which led to a big experiment. Bruce Laird, who broke in sensationally as a safety last year, moves to corner to attempt to shore up that spot. Laird is a top athlete. He was a running back in college, a Little All-America his senior year at

American International. Besides making the switch so well to safety last year he led the American Conference in kickoff returns and the Colts in punt returns. If he can play corner, that would put veterans Charlie Stukes and Lonnie Hepburn in a battle for the other side. Stukes had an off year and Hepburn, picked up from Miami, is unproven. Nelson Munsey has sketchy experience.

Rick Volk, the highly-skilled safety, could have his third new partner in three years if Laird switches to corner. Rex Kern, once started at corner, would battle with Jack Mildren for the other safety spot. Kern and Mildren were two of the top college quarterbacks of the last five years, Rex at Ohio State and Jack at Oklahoma.

The Colts will remain one of the most interesting clubs to follow. With Thomas committed to a form reversal and Schnellenberger committed to carrying out the GM's orders, further changes in the Baltimore look could take place quickly if the Colts don't start smoothly.

1972 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —O'Brien, 75 points on 24 XP, 13 field goals 12th	
RUSHING —McCauley, 178 carries for 675 yds., 3.8 Avg., 2 TDs 13th	
PASSING —Unitas, 88 in 157 attempts for 1111 yds., 4 TDs 4th	
RECEIVING —T. Mitchell, 40 receptions for 494 yds., 4 TDs 11th	
INTERCEPTIONS —Stukes, 5 for 23 yds., 4.6 Avg. 13th	
PUNTING —Lee, 57 punts, 42.1 Avg., longest 60 yds. 5th	
PUNT RETURNS —Laird, 34 for 303 yds., 8.9 Avg. 7th	
KICKOFF RETURNS —Laird, 29 for 843 yds., 29.1 Avg. 1st	

Pre-season Games

Aug. 4 AT Pittsburgh (N)	
11 AT Atlanta (N)	
18 Detroit at Memphis, Tenn. (N)	
25 AT Washington (N)	
Sept. 1 AT Houston (N)	
9 AT Denver	

1973 SCHEDULE	1972 Scores
Sept. 16 AT Cleveland	—
23 NEW YORK JETS	34-44
30 NEW ORLEANS	—
Oct. 7 AT New England	27-17
14 AT Buffalo	17-0
21 AT Detroit	—
28 OAKLAND	—
Nov. 4 HOUSTON	—
11 AT Miami	0-16
18 AT Washington	—
25 BUFFALO	35-7
Dec. 2 AT N.Y. JETS	20-24
9 MIAMI	0-23
16 NEW ENGLAND	31-0



CHARLIE STUKES is trying to make comeback after a disappointing year.

COLTS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
73	Amman, Richard	DE	6-5	234	22	2	Florida St.
86	Andrews, John	TE	6-3	227	24	2	Indiana
79	Bailey, Jim	DT	6-6	255	24	4	Kansas
32	Curtis, Mike	LB	6-2	232	29	9	Duke
14	Domres, Marty	QB	6-4	222	26	5	Columbia
35	Doughty, Glenn	WR	6-2	204	22	2	Michigan
74	Drougas, Tom	T	6-4	257	23	2	Oregon
52	Edmunds, Randy	LB	6-2	225	27	6	Ga. Tech
30	Franklin, Willie	WR	6-2	195	23	2	Oklahoma
17	Havrilak, Sam	WR	6-2	195	25	5	Bucknell
83	Hendricks, Ted	LB	6-7	220	25	5	Miami
43	Hepburn, Lonnie	CB	5-11	180	25	3	Tex. So'ern
85	Hilton, Roy	DE	6-6	240	30	9	Jackson St.
33	Hinton, Eddie	WR	6-0	200	26	5	Oklahoma
54	Hoaglin, Fred	C	6-4	250	29	8	Pittsburgh
61	Johnson, C.	G	6-2	245	29	6	Va. Union
44	Kern, Rex	S	6-1	190	23	3	Ohio St.
	Kremser, Karl	K	6-0	180	28	4	Tenn.
40	Laird, Bruce	CB	6-0	185	23	2	American Int.
51	Laskey, Bill	LB	6-3	235	30	8	Michigan
49	Lee, David	P	6-4	230	29	8	La. Tech
56	May, Ray	LB	6-1	230	28	7	So. Calif.
23	McCauley, Don	RB	6-1	207	23	3	No. Carolina
57	Mendenhall, Ken	C	6-3	235	25	3	Oklahoma
11	Mildren, Jack	S	6-1	199	23	2	Oklahoma
26	Mitchell, Lydell	RB	5-11	204	24	2	Penn St.
84	Mitchell, Tom	TE	6-3	215	29	7	Bucknell
88	Mosier, John	TE	6-3	220	25	3	Kansas
31	Munsey, Nelson	CB	6-1	185	25	2	Wyoming
68	Nelson, Dennis	T	6-5	260	27	4	Illinois St.
48	Nottingham, Don	RB	5-10	210	23	3	Kent St.
80	O'Brien, Jim	WR-K	6-0	195	25	4	Cincinnati
60	Regner, Tom	G	6-1	255	29	7	Notre Dame
62	Ressler, Glenn	G	6-3	250	30	9	Penn St.
78	Smith, Bubba	DE	6-7	265	28	7	Mich. St.
28	Speyrer, Cotton	WR	6-0	175	24	2	Texas
47	Stukes, Charlie	CB	6-3	212	29	7	Md. E. Shore
72	Vogel, Bob	T	6-5	250	31	11	Ohio St.
21	Volk, Rick	S	6-3	195	28	7	Michigan
53	White, Stan	LB	6-1	225	23	2	Ohio St.

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
	Baker, Al	CB	6-3	203	23	Jackson St.
	Barnes, Mike	DE	6-6	255	22	Miami
46	Brown, Jackie	DB	5-11	180	22	So. Carolina
	Bushnell, Todd	RB	6-3	200	22	Wm. & Mary
	Christoff, Larry	TE	6-4	227	22	Rutgers
	Dumm, Jim	DT	6-3	266	26	Waynesburg
76	Ehrmann, Joe	DT	6-5	260	23	Syracuse
67	Falkenhagen, Guy	T	6-6	245	23	No. Mich.
	Harper, Frank	DB	6-0	195	22	Savannah
	Huff, Andy	RB	6-0	205	21	Notre Dame
10	Hunt, George	K	6-1	215	23	Tenn.
39	Januszkiewicz M.	RB	6-1	212	22	Syracuse
7	Jones, Bert	QB	6-3	205	22	LSU
	Kaczmarek, Mike	DE	6-4	235	22	So. Illinois
	Murphy, Dick	QB	6-3	205	24	Amherst
	Nauss, Herb	DB	6-2	200	27	Albright
50	Neal, Dan	C	6-4	240	22	Kentucky
	Newlands, Brian	LB	6-2	228	23	So. Illinois
42	Oldham, Ray	S	6-0	200	22	Middle Tenn.
36	Olds, Bill	RB	6-1	224	22	Nebraska
71	Palmer, Gery	T	6-4	255	22	Kansas
9	Pierantozzi, Tom	QB	6-2	205	22	W. Chester
55	Rotella, Jamie	LB	6-2	225	22	Tenn.
	Schaeffer, Bob	P	6-2	200	23	Villanova
29	Smith, Ollie	WR	6-2	195	23	Tenn.
66	Taylor, David	G	6-4	254	23	Catawba
91	Thomas, Bernard	DE	6-5	250	22	West. Mich.
	Trice, Tom	TE	6-5	220	24	VPI
	Watson, Larry	T	6-5	245	24	Morgan St.
	Williams, Bob	LB	6-1	220	22	Miami (O)
45	Williams, Ed	RB	6-0	205	24	West. Va.
	Williams, Steve	DT	6-5	255	22	W. Carolina
65	Windauer, Bill	G	6-3	245	23	Iowa

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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

PREDICTION 5TH

The New England Patriots have a long and not-very successful tradition of trying to buy themselves out of trouble.

Remember the contract bestowed upon Joe Kapp after he played out his option in Minnesota three years ago? The Patriot payroll usually bulges with former coaches and general managers being reimbursed for not inflicting their services upon the club.

Last year the curtain went up with Coach John Mazur and General Manager Upton Bell dueling to see who would stay. Neither did. Mazur resigned under fire two thirds of the way through the season and Bell felt the axe in December.

With the franchise in near-shambles again, President Billy Sullivan slipped his checkbook into his attache case and went off in search of "the man who."

Sullivan announced to the waiting World that he and the Pats were about to make Joe Paterno, the Penn State coach, a millionaire plus, to become major domo of the New Englanders. Paterno thought it over a while and said "no thanks."

Embarrassed at being turned down publicly, Sullivan scoured the land looking for a football coach who desired to be a millionaire. USC's John McKay turned him down. So did Notre Dame's Ara Parsaghian. So did Nebraska's Bob Devaney.

Finally, out in Oklahoma, Sully found his man, Chuck Fairbanks of the Sooners. His name didn't exactly have the notoriety of a Parsaghian or Paterno or McKay or Devaney. But when people are turning down your \$1 million left and right who's going to quibble?

Fairbanks practically wrote his own ticket in New England. Besides the million he got a load of side benefits plus an 8-man coaching staff. In the old days

Mike Holovak, winningest coach the team ever had, didn't have enough assistants to form a poker game.

What Fairbanks needs now are football players.

He has a few. The best is a quarterback named Jim Plunkett who is covered with bruises. As a rookie Plunkett was more successful than Joe Namath or Terry Bradshaw or Bob Griese when they first came up. The Pats won six games, a huge improvement over their recent past. Things looked rosy.

Then last season, Plunkett's sophomore year, the roof fell in. His protection was abominable. He was sacked 39 times. He ran with the ball 36 times, only a few of them by choice or design.

With the bruises came frustration and then poor judgment. The sharpshooter of '71 became the heedless flinger of '72. He had 25 interceptions, a good many of them balls thrown into the teeth of double coverage or against the strength of zones.

Fairbanks' primary task will

CHUCH FAIRBANKS, Coach.
Assistants: Larrye Weaver, Sam Rutigliano, Hank Bullough, Ron Erhardt, Red Miller, Bill Nelson, Charlie Sumner, Jim Valek.

be to see that Plunkett gets adequate protection. It won't be easy.

The left side of the line is composed of St. Louis Cardinal rejects—34-year-old Bob Reynolds at tackle and Clyde Williams at guard. Williams replaces Mike Montler, who was traded to Buffalo. Jon Morris used to be regarded as one of the league's better centers but his reputation suffered last year. Right guard Len St. Jean has seen better days. Right tackle Tom Neville is respectable.

No one is immune to challenge.

The Pats had three first-round draft picks and with the leadoff choice they took John Hannah, the boxcar guard from Alabama. He might be the best man they have on his first day at work. Doug Dumler will be Morris' competition. Fairbanks knows Dumler's work well as Doug played for Nebraska. Southern California's Al Gallaher is a possibility at tackle.

Veteran pros who might get a

JULIUS ADAMS rates as Pats only solid returning defensive lineman.



JOHN HANNAH, U. Alabama guard, was the Patriots' No. 1 draft choice.



fresh role from Fairbanks include tackle Sam Adams, guard Willie Banks and guard-center Bill Lenkaitis.

Since he traded the team's best running back, Carl Garrett, to the Chicago Bears, the new coach may consider playing with two fullback types to add some heft to Plunkett's blocking. The two might be rookie Sam Cunningham of Southern California, second of the first-round picks, and Wayne Patrick, who came from Buffalo in the Montler deal. Cunningham was considered a peerless blocking back at USC but McKay commented that he "might be the best running back I ever ruined." Sam-Bam also can catch the ball. Patrick can be a devastating short-yardage guy if he keeps his weight at a reasonable figure.

Josh Ashton is the best of the incumbents. He had more than 100 yards the day the Pats upset the Washington Redskins. John Tarver has sketchy experience. Charlie Davis of Alcorn A&M was the highest draftee. Condie Pugh was a low-round choice from Norfolk State but he runs a 4.3 40-yard dash so he'll get a close look.

Providing Plunkett gets some time to locate them, he has better-than-adequate receivers at whom to throw. Reggie Rucker had an outstanding year with 44 catches for a 15.4-yard average. Randy Vataha is dangerous and works well with Plunkett.

Tom Reynolds last year's top draftee, played little but did some spectacular things when he did see action. His eight catches averaged nearly 20 yards and two went for scores. With those three available it's surprising the Pats used their third No. 1 pick to draft another good receiver, Darryl Stingley of Purdue. He's a fine player but New England might have profited more by going for another offensive lineman.

Ex 49er Bob Windsor is a respectable tight end. Tom Beer, an ex Steeler, backs him up. Windsor helped pull Plunkett out of trouble with 33 catches.

Field goaler Charley Gogolak connected on six of eight tries but consistency is not his forte so Fairbanks likely will audition



JIM PLUNKETT hopes to get improved protection from his line this season.

others. One possibility is Bruce Barnes, drafted as both a punter and place kicker. The UCLA product hasn't kicked field goals since his sophomore season but was the NCAA's second-rated punter with a 43.3 average last year. He is the biggest threat to veteran Pat Studstill.

Defensively the Pats' line is as bankrupt as the offensive group. The only high-rated player is tackle Julius Adams, a swift and strong fellow. Starter Halvor Hagen was traded to Buffalo so that leaves Jim White, Ron Berger, Arthur May and Dennis Wirgowski to battle for the end positions.

Playing alongside Adams at

tackle is Rick Cash. Back of them is Dave Rowe, who isn't bad against the run. The Pats didn't draft a lineman until the 14th round when they took Ray Hamilton. He was scheduled for an audition as a linebacker but the betting is he'll be somewhere on the roster since he played for Fairbanks at Oklahoma.

The linebacking is a jumble.

When the season ended the only solid man was middle backer Jim Cheyonski. But he joined Montler in criticizing management for trading Garrett. So he went in the deal with Buffalo. In return the Pats got Patrick and two linebackers, middle man Ed-



REGGIE RUCKER was Plunkett's favorite receiver throughout last campaign.

gar Chandler and Jeff Lyman, who plays all three spots. Chandler was the Bills' regular but he tore up a knee in last year's opener and missed the whole season. That makes him at least a bit questionable.

The rest of the crew isn't exactly loaded with quality. There is Ralph Cindrich, Bob Kadziel, ex Falcon Ron Acks, Dick Blanchard and Lyman, who was active for only one game in his rookie year.

The most interesting newcomer is Brad Dusek of Texas A&M, a third-round draft choice. Dusek started his college career as a hard-hitting safety. The last year the Aggies moved him to running back to fill a void. The Pats are betting his athletic ability and strong frame (6-2 and 210) will enable him to make it as an outside backer.

There is more experience at corner back than almost anywhere else. The Pats have Larry Carwell, Ron Bolton, George Hoey, John Outlaw and Daryl Johnson. All started at one time or another in the recent past.

Larry Weaver, the new defensive backfield coach who comes over from the Rams, will be asked to unscramble them.

Strong safety seems set. Honor Jackson came back after dropping out of football in '71 to win the job. He came to Boston in the abortive Duane Thomas deal three seasons ago. He was a wide receiver then. His success on the second chance have people convinced he can be a top player.

Veteran Rickie Harris was last year's free safety and played adequately. But if Fairbanks wants someone younger he can go to his own product, safety Dan Ruster of the Sooners. Ruster is the kind of tackler you want at free safety. There is a question about his speed.

Two college quarterback stars, Alan Lowry of Texas and Eddie McAshan of Georgia Tech, will be auditioned as safeties but they would come in handy if Fairbanks wanted to experiment with his college formation, the wishbone.

Fairbanks hired an interesting staff. Besides Weaver there is ex Cleveland quarterback Bill Nelson to tutor Plunkett, ex Illinois

head coach Jim Valek for the special teams, ex North Dakota State head coach Ron Erhardt for the offensive backfield, offensive line coach Red Miller and defensive line coach Hank Bulough from the Colts, linebacker Coach Charlie Sumner from the Steelers and holdover Sam Rutigliano for the receivers.

PATRIOTS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
51	Acks, Ron	LB	6-2	216	29	6	Illinois
	Adams, Bob	TE	6-2	225	27	4	Pacific
85	Adams, Julius	DT	6-3	252	25	3	Tex. So'ern
61	Adams, Sam	OT	6-4	255	24	2	Prairie View
31	Ashton, John	RB	6-1	203	24	2	Tulsa
78	Banks, Willie	G	6-2	245	27	3	Alcorn A&M
82	Beer, Tom	TE	6-3	220	28	7	Houston
88	Berger, Ron	DE	6-8	265	27	5	Wayne St.
49	Blanchard, Dick	LB	6-3	212	24	2	Tulsa
27	Bolton, Ron	CB	6-2	165	23	2	Norfolk St.
38	Bryant, Hubie	S	5-10	168	27	4	Minnesota
41	Carwell, Larry	CB	6-1	183	29	7	Iowa State
63	Cash, Rick	DT	6-5	244	28	5	No'east Mo.
50	Chandler, Ed	LB	6-3	222	27	6	Georgia
55	Cindrich, Ralph	LB	6-1	222	24	2	Pittsburgh
14	Dowling, Brian	QB	6-2	195	26	2	Yale
22	Durko, Sandy	S	6-1	185	3	3	So. Calif.
7	Gogolak, Charlie	K	5-10	170	28	7	Princeton
25	Harris, Rickie	S	5-11	178	29	9	Arizona
23	Hoey, George	CB	5-10	171	25	3	Michigan
29	Jackson, Honor	S	6-2	198	24	2	Pacific
48	Johnson, Daryl	CB	5-11	180	27	4	Morgan St.
52	Kadziel, Ron	LB	6-4	222	24	2	Stanford
67	Lenkaitis, Bill	G	6-4	254	27	6	Penn St.
28	McMahon, Art	S	6-0	190	27	5	N.C. State
35	Matthews, Henry	RB	6-3	212	24	2	Mich. St.
71	May, Arthur	DE	6-3	248	24	2	Tuskegee
56	Morris, Jon	C	6-4	248	31	10	Holy Cross
44	Outlaw, John	CB	5-9	167	28	5	Jackson St.
30	Patrick, Wayne	RB	6-1	246	27	6	Louisville
16	Plunkett, Jim	QB	6-2	215	25	3	Stanford
74	Reynolds, Bob	OT	6-5	265	34	11	Bowl. Green
21	Reynolds, Tom	WR	6-3	200	24	2	S. Diego St.
76	Rowe, Dave	DT	6-7	270	28	7	Penn St.
33	Rucker, Reggie	WR	6-2	190	25	4	Boston U.
26	Scott, Clarence	S	6-0	190	29	5	Morgan St.
60	St. Jean, Len	P	6-0	250	31	10	No. Mich.
2	Studstill, Pat	P	6-0	175	35	12	Houston
36	Tarver, John	RB	6-3	218	24	2	Colorado
18	Vataha, Randy	WR	5-10	163	24	3	Stanford
12	Walker, Mike	K	6-0	190	23	2	None
87	White, Jim	DE	6-4	245	23	2	Colo. St.
67	Williams, Clyde	G	6-3	250	33	6	Southern
86	Windsor, Bob	TE	6-4	225	29	7	Kentucky
70	Wirgowski, D.	DE	6-4	248	25	4	Purdue

1972 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Garrett, 30 points on 5 touchdown runs	40th
RUSHING —Ashton, 128 carries for 546 yds., 4.3 Avg., 3 TDs	19th
PASSING —Plunkett, 169 in 355 attempts for 2196 yds., 8 TDs	14th
RECEIVING —Rucker, 44 receptions for 681 yds., 3 TDs	8th
INTERCEPTIONS —Jackson, 4 for 133 yds., 33.3 Avg.	14th
PUNTING —Studstill, 75 punts, 38.1 Avg., longest 57 yds.	12th
PUNT RETURNS —Garrett, 6 for 36 yds., 6.0 Avg.	21st
KICKOFF RETURNS —Garrett, 16 for 410 yds., 25.6 Avg.	5th

Pre-season Games

July	28	San Fran. at Canton, O.
Aug.	5	OAKLAND (N)
	12	N.Y. GIANTS (N)
	18	AT Atlanta (N)
	25	AT New Orleans (N)
Sept.	2	WASHINGTON (N)
	9	AT Detroit (N)

1973 SCHEDULE

Sept.	16	BUFFALO
	23	KANSAS CITY
	30	AT Miami
Oct.	7	BALTIMORE
	14	AT N.Y. Jets
	21	AT Chicago
	28	MIAMI
Nov.	4	AT Philadelphia
	11	NEW YORK JETS
	18	GREEN BAY
	25	AT Houston
Dec.	2	SAN DIEGO
	9	AT Buffalo
	16	AT Baltimore

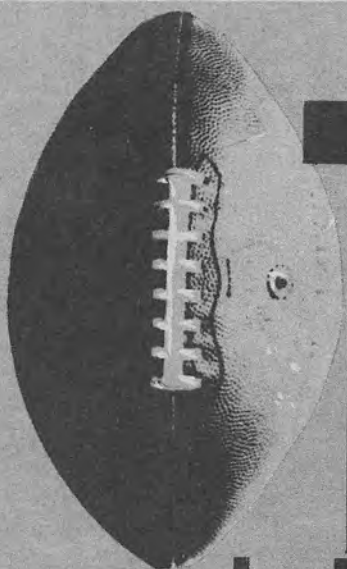
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ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Asack, Phil	LB	6-3	237	24	Duke
Barnes, Bruce	P	5-11	215	22	UCLA
Beall, Phil	S	6-1	185	23	Baylor
Beyrie, Steve	G	6-4	245	23	Kansas St.
Booras, Steve	DE	6-5	245	25	Mesa Jr.
Brandon, Curt	LB	6-3	225	23	Mont. St.
Breslin, Jay	LB	6-3	217	24	Mich. St.
Broadnax, Jerry	TE	6-2	225	22	Southern
Callaway, Buster	G	6-4	255	22	Tex A&M
Caraway, Mel	CB	5-11	185	24	N.E. Okla.
Cherry, Stan	LB	6-5	220	22	Morgan St.
Cornell, Lloyd	WR	6-2	187	23	Bridgeport
Cummings, R.	RB	6-0	225	23	U. Mass.
Cunningham, Sam	RB	6-3	215	23	So. Calif.
Davis, Charles	RB	6-1	210	23	Alcorn A&M
Dumler, Doug	C	6-3	244	23	Nebraska
Dusek, Brad	LB	6-2	210	23	Tex. A&M
Foster, Will	LB	6-2	200	24	E. Mich.
Gallaher, Allen	OT	6-3	250	23	So. Calif.
Goepel, Steve	QB	6-2	208	24	Colgate
Hamilton, Ray	DE	6-1	230	22	Oklahoma
Hannah, John	G	6-2	265	22	Alabama
Hardaway, Dan	RB	6-2	224	25	Cameron St.
Hayman, Conway	G	6-3	250	24	Delaware
Kutter, Mike	DE	6-3	237	22	Concordia
Lowry, Alan*	S	5-11	192	23	Texas
Lyman, Jeff	LB	6-2	230	23	Brig. Young
May, Homer	TE	6-2	225	22	Tex. A&M
McAshan, Ed	QB	6-2	190	22	Ga. Tech.
McKee, Charlie	WR	6-2	196	23	Arizona
Palmer, Luther	LB	6-1	222	24	Va. Union
Post, Homer	DE	6-4	248	25	Long Beach
Price, Kenny	LB	6-2	215	23	Iowa
Pugh, Condie	RB	5-11	195	23	Norfolk St.
Ratliff, Donald	TE	6-6	235	23	Maryland
Rideout, Eddie	WR	5-11	185	23	Boston Col.
Ruster, Dan	S	6-3	200	22	Oklahoma
Stingley, Darryl	WR	6-0	191	22	Purdue
Yates, Dan	G	6-4	250	24	Okla. St.
Zikas, Mike	DT	6-3	255	23	Notre Dame

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PREDICTION 1ST

They called it the "Miraculous Reception." It captured the attention of every football fan in America. It beat the Oakland Raiders and put the Pittsburgh Steelers in the American Conference championship game against Miami.

But the fantastic catch Franco Harris made on the ricochet to defeat the Raiders also is doing his team something of a disservice. It seems to have pinned the label of "freak" or "fluke" on the Steelers.

The Steelers are no such thing. They were a helluva football team quite some time before Franco performed his miracle.

If there is any club able to end the Dolphins' lock on AFC affairs this year, it probably will be Pittsburgh. The Steelers should reach near-maturity in 1973.

The team which never had won a championship of any sort until last year now is able to do it all. They can pass, they can run, they can kick. Perhaps best of all they can play defense.

It is a team which was built from the sub-basement, mostly with draft choices. In Chuck Noll's first year as head coach the team won a single game, its opener. The second year their losing streak reached 16.

But the Rooney family invested confidence in Noll and it has paid off in possibilities of a dynasty. The entire club seems to reflect the confidence of the coaches.

Franco, who played in the shadow of All-America Lydell Mitchell at Penn State, was the commanding figure in 1972. A big, rookie fullback who didn't even break into the starting rotation until near mid season, Harris made a 100-yard day seem almost routine down the stretch.

Veteran offensive tackle John Brown, who retired after last season following a long career with

CHUCK NOLL, Coach.
Assistants: Bob Fry, Lionel Taylor, Babe Parilli, Lou Riecke, Dick Hoak, George Perles, Paul Uram, Woody Widenhofer.



ROY GERELA's toe accounted for 119 points on 28 FGs and 35 conversions.

FRANCO HARRIS capped amazing rookie season with a "Miracle Catch."

Pittsburgh and Cleveland, says Franco is the equal of Jim Brown, whom John played with at Cleveland.

Certainly he has similar tools—speed, crushing power, smooth moves, acceleration, ability to catch the ball and a feeling for the end zone.

But the Steelers are much less dependent on Franco than the Browns were upon Jim Brown.

There is the passing game, for instance. Terry Bradshaw was hailed as the Louisiana Wunderkind, the best since Joe Namath when the Steelers made him the No. 1 pick of the NFL's 1970 common draft. There were times



last season, his third as a pro, in which he answered that description.

Bradshaw has become a far more disciplined quarterback, more inclined to remain in his pocket and even more inclined to employ his runners.

But when he wants to throw he can be awesome with that strong arm. His receivers can be awesome, too. Ron Shanklin broke in as a rookie with Bradshaw four seasons ago. They've grown up together.

Last year he caught 38 passes, normal for him. But he made other heavy contributions. He blocked and he ran good routes which created other openings. He got a new partner last year, Frank Lewis, whose blazing speed forced his presence in the lineup at last. Lewis smoothed out in his sophomore year and caught 27 balls, five of which were for touchdowns. He's the big-play guy.

When Lewis broke his collarbone in the last game of the season Al Young stepped into the lineup and played well. He caught a touchdown pass in the playoff game with Miami. Glenn Skolnick is a lanky, skinny kid from Indiana who is not imposing physically but he led the Big 10 in receptions and he ranks highest among the newcomers. The Steelers also drafted Rick Fergerson of Kansas State.

The struggle is at tight end.

John McMakin made the starting team as a rookie last year but now Larry Brown appears to have shed his injury jinx and the Steelers finally are getting serious about switching fullback Warren Bankston. Bankston was slated for other trials but then the coaches decided they couldn't spare his left from fullback. But with Franco around there is no such problem.

There is little worry about the backs. Frenchy Fuqua topped 600 yards for the third season in a row. He also is used as a pass receiver. Preston Pearson, who relinquished the starting assignment to Harris, will return kick-offs again now that he is a reserve. He led the NFL in that department when a Colt in '68.

There is also Steve Davis, a



TERRY BRADSHAW, (12), Steelers' rapidly improving quarterback, is surrounded by Cincinnati's Mike Reid and Sherman White (83) but Terry got pass in air.

big talent who could play more in '73. Rocky Bleier is mostly a special teams guy. The Steelers' top running back draftee was Ron Bell. Bankston, of course, could always move over again in a pinch, providing he makes it as a tight end.

The Steelers are better fortified than most at quarterback. Backing up Bradshaw is Terry Hanratty. Hanratty could be pressed by Joe Gilliam, who made a favorable impression in his brief appearances as a rookie.

Guard Bruce Van Dyke emerged as an all-pro last year and he anchors the offensive line. Sam Davis, his counterpart, is another exceptional guard. Gerry Mullins, a tight end in college and a guard as a Steeler rookie, ended up starting at tackle opposite Jon Kolb last year. There could be a three-way battle if Gordon Gravelle keeps improving in his second year. Rookie Roger Bernhardt and Bracey Bonham could be in a contest to see which guard makes the club. Veteran Mel Holmes can per-

form either as guard or tackle.

The Steelers did a rare thing with their centers. They started Ray Mansfield, but often used young Jim Clack in the second half. If Mansfield, 32, shows signs of age Clack will be there to pick up the baton.

Roy Gerela was a gift from Houston for which Pittsburgh fans will long be grateful. The Canadian sidwinder attempted 41 field goals and connected on 28 of them. He was the AFC's Pro Bowl kicker.

Bobby Walden still has that good touch with a punt. The veteran not only averaged a creditable 43.8 on 65 regular-season punts but then booted 10 times in the playoffs for a 49.4 average.

Defensively the Steelers may not have it all but they have enough of it up front to make up for what they don't have deep. Or, as linebacker Andy Russell put it at one time last season, "with the type of pass rush we're getting, I could play corner back."

When you discuss Pittsburgh

defense you start with Tackle Joe Greene. They called him "Joe Who" when the Steelers drafted him out of North Texas State five seasons ago but as Miami quarterback Bob Griese says, "we call him 'Mr. Greene.'"

Teams devise special tactics just to avoid having confrontations with him. One offense switched to an unbalanced line with the idea of isolating him last year. He punished the run and led the Steelers with 10 sacks in their pass rush last year.

The story doesn't end there. The ends, Dwight White and L. C. Greenwood, are quality. White may join Greene on all-pro teams soon. He had 10 sacks last year and his speed helped him disrupt enemy sweeps.

The tackle opposite Greene could present a problem. Ben McGee retired but that seemed

to be resolved by the development of young Ernie Holmes. Holmes played almost as much as Ben did last year. But then he was arrested for firing a rifle at trucks on the Ohio Turnpike last spring and his football career became jeopardized. If he is taken out of circulation the most likely man for the job is inexperienced Steve Furness.

The other ranking subs are rugged Craig Hanneman, and rookie Nate Dorsey of Mississippi Valley.

Pittsburgh's linebacking is superb. The outside guys, Russell and Jack Ham, can play with anyone. The surprise was that Henry Davis, a ho-hum performer all his career, moved to the middle and played so well he was picked for the Pro Bowl. Henry caused six fumbles with his belting. There could be a huge plus if ex Oiler George Webster recaptures some of his pre-injuries style.

Challenges for employment may come from Brian Stenger, Ed Bradley and rookie Gail

Clark, a good-looking youngster from Michigan State.

The big pass rush and the play of the outside backers helped upgrade the corners, Mel Blount and John Rowser, about 40 percent. Safeties Ralph Anderson and Mike Wagner also had good years. They can't rest on their laurels, however. The first two draft picks were corner back Jim Thomas of Florida State and safety Ken Phares of Mississippi State.

STEELERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
49	Anderson, Ralph	S	6-1	180	24	3	W. Tex. St.
46	Bankston, War.	RB	6-4	235	26	5	Tulane
20	Bleier, Rocky	RB	5-11	210	27	5	Notre Dame
47	Blount, Mel	CB	6-3	205	25	4	Southern
38	Bradley, Ed	LB	6-2	239	23	2	Wake Forest
12	Bradshaw, Terry	QB	6-3	215	25	4	L. Tech
87	Brown, Larry	TE	6-4	229	24	3	Kansas
44	Calland, Lee	CB	6-0	190	32	11	Louisville
50	Clack, Jim	C	6-3	250	25	3	Wake Forest
53	Davis, Henry	LB	6-3	225	30	6	Grambling
57	Davis, Sam	G	6-1	255	29	7	Allen
35	Davis, Steve	RB	6-1	218	23	2	Del. State
29	Dockery, John	CB	6-0	185	29	6	Harvard
27	Edwards, Glen	S	6-0	185	26	3	Fl. A&M
33	Fuqua, John	RB	5-11	205	27	5	Morgan St.
64	Furness, Steve	DT	6-4	255	22	2	Rhode Island
10	Gerela, Roy	PK	5-10	187	25	5	N. Mex. St.
17	Gilliam, Joe	QB	6-2	187	22	2	Tenn. St.
71	Gravelle, Gordon	OT	6-5	250	24	2	Brig. Young
75	Greene, Joe	DT	6-4	275	26	5	N. Tex. St.
68	Greenwood, L.C.	DE	6-6	245	27	5	Ark. AM&N
59	Ham, Jack	LB	6-1	225	24	3	Penn. St.
67	Hanneman, Craig	DE	6-3	240	24	2	Oregon St.
5	Hanratty, Terry	QB	6-1	210	25	5	Notre Dame
32	Harris, Franco	RB	6-2	230	23	2	Penn. St.
63	Holmes, Ernie	DT	6-3	260	25	3	Texas So'ern
77	Holmes, Mel	G-OT	6-3	251	23	2	N.C. A&T
55	Kolb, Jon	OT	6-2	262	26	5	Okl. St.
43	Lewis, Frank	WR	6-1	196	26	3	Grambling
56	Mansfield, Ray	C	6-3	260	32	11	Washington
89	McMakin, John	TE	6-3	232	22	2	Clemson
72	Mullins, Gerry	OT-G	6-3	244	24	3	So. Calif.
83	Pearson, Barry	WR	5-11	185	23	2	No'western
26	Pearson, Preston	RB	6-1	205	28	7	Illinois
	Robinson, Virgil	RB	5-11	195	25	3	Grambling
48	Rowser, John	CB	6-1	190	29	9	Michigan
34	Russell, Andy	LB	6-2	225	32	9	Missouri
25	Shanklin, Ron	WR	6-1	190	25	4	N. Tex. St.
61	Stenger, Brian	LB	6-4	241	26	5	Notre Dame
66	Van Dyke, Bruce	G	6-2	255	29	8	Missouri
23	Wagner, Mike	S	6-1	210	24	3	West. Ill.
39	Walden, Bob	P	6-0	190	35	10	Georgia
90	Webster, George	LB	6-4	220	27	7	Mich. St.
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31	Young, Al	WR	6-1	195	24	3	S. C. State

* Duplicate number

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Bernhardt, Roger	G	6-3½	239	23	Kansas
Bonham, Bracey	G	6-1	245	23	N. C. Central
Clark, Gail	LB	6-1	220	22	Mich. St.
Clark, Larry	LB	6-1	220	21	No. Illinois
Cowan, Roger	DE	6-4½	230	23	Stanford
Cross, Charlie	DB	6-0	171	21	Iowa
Curl, Ron	OT	6-1	250	24	Mich. St.
Dorsey, Nate	DE	6-3	222	22	Miss. Valley
Edwards, Walt	DT	6-3	225	22	S. Jose St.
Ferguson, Rick	WR	6-0	188	22	Kansas St.
Janssen, Bill	OT-OT	6-3	230	22	Nebraska
Kenneth, Jerry	DB	5-11	185	22	S. Diego St.
Kenney, Pat	WR	5-10	180	22	N. C. State
Klippert, Younger	G	6-3	245	23	Stanford
Lee, Willie	RB	6-0½	190	21	Indiana St.
Meyer, Dennis	DB	5-11	186	22	Ark. St.
Nardi, Glen	DT	6-4	230	22	Navy
Nystrom, Lee	OT	6-2	255	22	Macalester
Phares, Ken	DB	6-1	183	22	Miss. St.
Reavis, David	DE	6-4	242	22	Arkansas
Richardson, Jon	RB	5-11	195	22	Arkansas
Scolnik, Glenn	WR	6-3	204	21	Indiana
Shannon, Mike	DE	6-4½	227	23	Oregon St.
Shelley, Phil	S	6-3½	175	23	Utah St.
Shores, Steve	TE	6-3	215	23	Tulsa
Thomas, James	DB	6-0½	196	21	Florida St.
Toews, Loren	LB	6-3	212	21	California
Vincent, Stahle	RB	6-1	195	22	Rice
White, Bob	DB	6-0	180	22	Arizona
Witten, Dana	WR	6-2	190	22	Martin
Wunderly, Don	DT	6-3	230	22	Arkansas



ANDY RUSSELL, a wily veteran, keys Pittsburgh's strong linebacking crew.

BRUCE VAN DYKE developed into an All-Pro last season for the Steelers.



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RECEIVING —Shanklin, 38 receptions for 669 yds., 3 TDs		14th
INTERCEPTIONS —Ham, 7 for 83 yds., 11.9 Avg., 1 TD		4th
PUNTING —Walden, 65 punts, 43.8 Avg., longest 72 yds.		2nd
PUNT RETURNS —Edwards, 22 for 202 yds., 9.2 Avg.		6th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Pearson, 13 for 292 yds., 22.5 Avg.		19th

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Aug.	4 BALTIMORE
	11 AT Minnesota (N)
	16 AT Philadelphia (N)
	26 AT N.Y. Giants
Sept.	1 AT Green Bay (N)
	8 ATLANTA (N)

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Sept.	16 DETROIT
	23 CLEVELAND
	30 AT Houston
Oct.	7 SAN DIEGO
	14 AT Cincinnati
	21 AT N.Y. Jets
	28 CINCINNATI
Nov.	5 WASHINGTON (N)
	11 AT Oakland
	18 DENVER
	25 AT Cleveland
Dec.	3 AT Miami (N)
	9 HOUSTON
	15 AT San Francisco

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CINCINNATI BENGALS

PREDICTION 2ND

The Cincinnati Bengals are a faceless football team. That may be one reason why they are so unpredictable.

Three years ago it was assumed that the Bengals, in their third year of growth pains via the expansion route, might make a stab at a .500 record. Instead they made the playoffs.

In 1971 it was assumed they might repeat their Central Division championship. Instead they opened the season with a victory and then sank under a six-game losing streak to finish a soggy 4-10.

Last year they took turns looking bright and dismal, but they improved their record to a respectable 8-6. Only nine teams in the whole NFL did better.

But the average fan would have trouble telling you much about the Bengals. He knows they play good defense. He remembers they have a whale of a tackle named Mike Reid, who also plays concert piano. And of course he knows the team is coached, nurtured and cultivated by Paul Brown.

But ask him who the Cincinnati glamour guys are and he's pressed to recall their names. The Pro Bowl roster isn't much help. Reid was the only Bengal on it, which is surprising for an 8-6 team.

Paul Brown would like to see the fans remember the names of his quarterbacks and receivers and running backs. He went out looking for big-play men in the last draft. The scouts call them "hat heavers," the players who do spectacular things to cause such rejoicing among the spectators in the stands that they fling their hats.

"We went for people in the college draft who can put points on the scoreboard," admitted Brown. The Bengals ranked 13th in the 26-team league in scoring points last year.

If Brown was as successful in

this draft as he was in the previous ones since he formed the Bengals in 1968, the point production could show an immediate and pronounced improvement. Someone asked Brown after the last draft if the Cincinnati draw was a good one. "We always have a good draft," answered Brown. It wasn't arrogance. Just the facts.

Brown started out trying to form an offensive line. Two of his No. 1 picks plus a No. 2 are now starters up front. Then he concentrated on defense. The front four now includes a pair of 1s and a 2. The middle linebacker is a 2.

Last year his first two picks were Sherman White, the University of California defensive end, and Tommy Casanova, the LSU safety. White became an immediate starter, Casanova was the outstanding defensive rookie in the American Conference.

Specifically what Brown opted for in this year's draft was pass receivers. The No. 1 pick was

PAUL BROWN, Coach.
Assistants: John Donaldson, Bill Johnson, Chuck Studley, Bill Walsh, Vince Costello, Chuck Weber.

Isaac Curtis, one of the World's fastest sprinters, an outside receiver from San Diego State. No. 2 was Albert Chandler, the Oklahoma tight end who is better known for his pass catching than his blocking. No. 3 was Tim George, a genuine sleeper from



KEN ANDERSON may force Paul Brown to change rigid coaching ideas.

TOMMY CASANOVA (37) was named outstanding defensive rookie in AFC.



Carson-Newman, a school not known for producing football players for the NFL.

The Bengals' leading receiver last year was Chip Myers. He caught 57 passes, just one less than Fred Biletnikoff of Oakland, who led the AFC. But Myers is not the sort of guy who causes opposing defensive co-ordinators to toss and turn at night. He is a reliable, bread-and-butter receiver but not "a big play man" such as Brown is seeking.

Myers should be a mainstay again, but on the other side of the field there should be an interesting fight.

One definite contestant is Curtis, who began his college career as a running back at California. When he transferred to San Diego State his full skills were exploited by Coach Don Coryell of the Aztecs (and now the head coach of the St. Louis Cardinals) who made him a pass receiver. "We believe he is the fastest man in football," says Brown. "We think he can make that big play for us."

That testimonial alone should make Curtis the favorite in the fight, but don't discount Charley Joiner. Joiner came to the Bengals at mid-season. He caught only eight balls when he got into the lineup but he averaged 16.6, best among the Bengal receivers. When he was at Houston some looked upon him as "the next Paul Warfield." A training camp with Brown could cause Joiner to realize some of that potential.

Also scrambling for jobs are George, ex starter Speedy Thomas, taxi squader Dan Kratzer and ex Oakland Raider Drew Buie.

Tight end Bob Trumpy slipped from his all-pro status but still caught 44 passes for 500 yards. Chandler might push him into a better performance but first the big Sooner will have to beat out Bruce Coslet, Trumpy's current backup.

Throwing the ball to all those receivers will be Ken Anderson, Project A in Brown's cultivation program.

Bengal quarterbacks are cautious and conservative. They are told not to do anything they do not do well. They do not ask their teammates to do anything which



PAUL BROWN, pointing from sidelines, is all-time coaching leader with 323 victories in 38 years, including all high school, college and pro teams.

they do not do well. In short, the idea is to reduce the margin of error.

But in Anderson's case Brown may be ready to get more expansive. The youngster beat out veteran Virgil Carter last year and, in the words of the maestro, "his development is ahead of schedule. He has a strong arm and is beginning to get the feel of things. He is farther along now than many of today's great quarterbacks were after two years in the league."

It also should be remembered that Anderson is a product of little Augustana College, not exactly a football factory, and that his two years with the Bengals have been on-the-job training.

There is one thing which could result in an absolute uproar in Cincinnati's offensive planning. That is the possibility that Greg Cook may have licked the right shoulder miseries that kept him a spectator for the last three years.

Cook was the offensive rookie of the year in 1969. The big blond quarterback was considered the next Namath. Then injuries struck him down. After a series of operations and therapy, there was cautious optimism that he would be able to come back and play

this year. If he can and his skills are anywhere near what they were when he was stricken, look out.

The Bengals' principal flaw on offense is their corps of running backs. Little Essex Johnson, who churned out 825 yards in 212 carries, is the best one but he's probably more effective with rest. His longest run was 19 yards and he should be more explosive with that speed. Jess Phillips and Doug Dressler contend for the assignment opposite him.

Last fall Brown had to trade running depth, Fred Willis and Paul Robinson, to Houston for Joiner and linebacker Ron Pritchard. He may have to trade for a big back this year. Reece Morrison is an experienced reserve and the draft brought Arizona's Bob McCall, who averaged 104 yards a game as a senior, and Joe Wilson of Holy Cross.

Quality athletes dot the offensive line and experience may cause it to be ranked among the NFL's best soon, maybe this season. But Johnson is about due for recognition as a star at center. Vernon Holland starts his second full season as a regular tackle. Ex tackle Howard Fest is now the



CHIP MYERS caught 57 passes for 792 yards in 1972, setting club record.

stationary guard with reliable Pat Matson and Guy Dennis the "messenger" guards for Brown. Stan Walters, a ninth-draft choice last year, stepped in and performed well when tackle Rufus Mayes tore up a knee.

The reserves include guard Steve Lawson, ex Colt guard John Shinnors, guard-center Tom DeLeone and rookie guard John Dampeer of Notre Dame.

Brown feels reasonably well protected on defense. In fact he believes his can become one of the league's most respected units.

The big hitter is Reid, who may be the best pass-rushing tackle in pro football. In a game against Kansas City last year he tackled the passer a half dozen times by himself.

White plays the end opposite veteran Royce Berry but he may get a challenge from big, unheralded Ken Johnson this year. Ron Carpenter plays the tackle alongside Reid. Steve Chomyszak, one-time starter, backs him up. Bob Maddox, who can play either tackle or end, is the top rookie. He's from Frostburg, Md., State.

The Bengals have both experience and depth at linebacker. Middle backer Bill Bergey has

been around for five seasons. He's a headhunter type. Al Beauchamp isn't quite an angle on the outside, either. Ken Avery should get a stiff argument from ex Oiler Pritchard for the other outside job, particularly after Ron has a training camp to learn the Brown method.

In relief are Bill Peterson, Doug Adams, Tim Kearney and Jim LeClair, still a prospect.

Lemar Parrish should be ready to claim all-pro status soon. He's a first-rate corner. Ken Riley holds forth on the other side. Bernard Jackson, who was converted from running back last year, may be sufficiently advanced to have a say.

Casanova is the ideal free safety and also a classic punt returner. Neil Craig does good things at strong safety. For reserve there are veteran Ernie Kellerman and rookie Bob Jones of Virginia Union.

The kicking game is solid. Horst Muhlmann hit on 27 of 39 field goals. Dave Lewis averaged 42.1 yards per punt.

1972 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Muhlmann, 111 points on 30 XP, 27 field goals	4th
RUSHING —E. Johnson, 212 carries for 825 yds., 3.9 Avg., 4 TDs	9th
PASSING —Anderson, 171 in 301 attempts for 1918 yds., 7 TDs	5th
RECEIVING —Myers, 57 receptions for 792 yds., 3 TDs	3rd
INTERCEPTIONS —Casanova, 5 for 108 yds., 21.6 Avg.	9th
PUNTING —Lewis, 66 punts, 42.1 Avg., longest 66 yds.	4th
PUNT RETURNS —Casanova, 30 for 289 yds., 9.6 Avg., 66-yard TD	2nd
KICKOFF RETURNS —Jackson, 21 for 509 yds., 24.2 Avg.	9th

Pre-season Games

Aug. 4 AT Miami (N)	
11 PHILADELPHIA (N)	
19 Cleveland at Columbus, O.	
25 AT Detroit (N)	
Sept. 1 ATLANTA (N)	
8 GREEN BAY (N)	

1973 SCHEDULE

		1972 Scores
Sept. 16	AT Denver	21-10
23	HOUSTON	30-7
30	AT San Diego	—
Oct. 7	CLEVELAND	24-27
14	PITTSBURGH	15-10
21	KANSAS CITY	23-16
28	AT Pittsburgh	17-40
Nov. 4	AT Dallas	—
11	AT Buffalo	—
18	N.Y. JETS	—
25	ST. LOUIS	—
Dec. 2	MINNESOTA	—
9	AT Cleveland	6-27
16	AT Houston	61-17



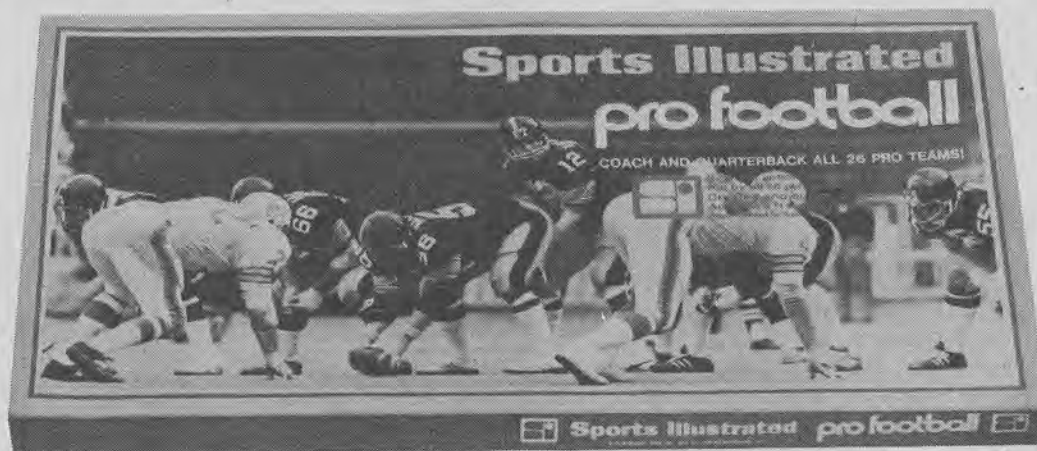
MIKE REID continued impressive play and gained All-Pro defensive honors.

BENGALS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
52	Adams, Doug	LB	6-1	222	24	3	Ohio St.
14	Anderson, Ken	QB	6-2	211	24	3	Augustana
51	Avery, Ken	LB	6-0	227	29	7	So. Miss.
58	Beauchamp, Al	LB	6-2	237	29	6	Southern
66	Bergey, Bill	LB	6-3	243	27	5	Ark. St.
82	Berry, Royce	DE	6-4	250	27	5	Houston
89	Buie, Drew	WR	6-0	185	26	5	Catawba
70	Carpenter, Ron	DE	6-5	261	25	4	N. C. State
11	Carter, Virg	QB	6-0	192	27	6	Brig. Young
37	Casanova, Tom	S	6-2	202	22	2	LSU
79	Chomyszak, S.	DT	6-6	269	29	7	Syracuse
12	Cook, Greg	QB	6-4	215	25	2	Cincinnati
88	Coslet, Bruce	TE	6-3	227	26	5	U. Pacific
34	Craig, Neal	S	6-1	191	25	3	Fisk
50	DeLeone, Tom	C-G	6-2	252	23	2	Ohio St.
63	Dennis, Guy	G	6-2	255	26	5	Florida
44	Dressler, Doug	RB	6-2	228	25	4	Chico St.
72	Fest, Howard	T	6-6	262	27	6	Texas
76	Holland, Vern	T	6-6	268	25	3	Tenn. St.
23	Jackson, B.	CB	6-0	173	23	2	Wash. St.
54	Johnson, Bob	C	6-5	262	26	6	Tennessee
19	Johnson, Essex	RB	5-10	201	26	6	Grambling
80	Johnson, Ken	DT	6-6	265	25	3	Indiana
18	Joiner, Charlie	WR	5-11	188	25	5	Grambling
78	Jones, Willie Lee	DT	6-1	260	30	5	Kansas St.
56	Kearney, Tim	LB	6-2	227	24	2	No. Mich.
24	Kellermann, E.	S	6-0	183	28	7	Miami (O)
87	Kelly, Mike	TE	6-3	222	25	4	Davidson
68	Lawson, Steve	G	6-3	265	24	3	Kansas
55	LeClair, Jim	LB	6-2	226	23	2	No. Dakota
15	Lewis, Dave	P	6-2	225	27	4	Stanford
73	Matson, Pat	G	6-0	245	29	8	Oregon
71	Mayes, Rufus	G	6-5	260	25	5	Ohio St.
26	Morrison, Reece	RB	6-0	207	27	6	SW Texas
16	Muhlmann, Horst	K	6-0	219	33	5	None
25	Myers, Chip	WR	6-5	210	28	6	NW Okla.
20	Parrish, Lemar	CB	5-11	184	25	4	Lincoln
53	Peterson, Bill	LB	6-3	228	28	5	S. Jose St.
30	Phillips, Jess	RB	6-1	205	26	6	Mich. St.
60	Pritchard, Ron	LB	6-1	235	26	5	Ariz. St.
74	Reid, Mike	DT	6-3	255	26	4	Penn St.
13	Riley, Ken	CB	5-11	181	25	5	Florida A & M
64	Shinnors, John	G	6-3	255	26	5	Xavier
17	Thomas, Speedy	WR	6-1	170	25	5	Utah
84	Trumpy, Bob	WR	6-6	228	27	6	Utah
75	Walters, Stan	T	6-6	270	24	2	Syracuse
40	Watson, Pete	TE	6-1	210	22	2	Tufts
83	White, Sherman	DE	6-5	255	24	2	California

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Chandler, Al	TE	6-2	233	22	Oklahoma
Clark, Charles	RB	6-2	245	22	B-Cookman
Curtis, Isaac	WR	6-1	193	22	S. Diego St.
Dampeer, John	G	6-4	249	23	Notre Dame
Duncan, Ken	P	6-2	200	22	Tulsa
Elliott, Lenvil	RB	6-1	205	21	N'east Mo.
Estabrook, W.	QB	6-1	195	22	Whittier
George, Tim	WR	6-5	225	21	Carson-New.
Green, Dave	P	5-11	200	23	Ohio U.
Jones, Bob	DB	6-1	194	22	Va. Union
Kingman, Steve	WR	6-0	182	23	Beloit
Kratzer, Dan	WR	6-3	192	23	Mo. Valley
Maddox, Robert	DE	6-5 1/2	240	23	Frostburg
Montgomery, W.	DB	6-1	195	22	Morehouse
McCall, Bob	RB	6-0	205	22	Arizona
McNulty, Ted	QB	6-1	192	22	Indiana
Scales, Hurlis	DB	6-1	205	22	N. Tex. St.
Schoterman, Al	RB	6-1	235	22	Kent St.
Unger, Harry	DT	6-2	215	22	Auburn
West, Brooks	DT	6-5	242	22	El Paso
Wilson, Joe	RB	5-10	210	22	Holy Cross



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CLEVELAND BROWNS

PREDICTION 3RD

Last Dec. 23, Miamians found a strange, and to some amusing, advertisement in their morning papers as they read it at breakfast.

The ad had been taken by the Cleveland Plain Dealer and in effect it warned the Miami Dolphins of what might happen to them later that day in the Orange Bowl. The Dolphins, who had plowed through 14 consecutive regular-season opponents, were to meet the lightly-regarded Cleveland Browns in the semi-final round of the NFL's American Conference playoffs.

Late in the first quarter it appeared the Plain Dealer had wasted its money. Miami assumed a quick, 10-0 lead.

Yet the Browns actually led in the game, 14-13, by the fourth quarter and gave the World Champions-to-be a colossal scare before they put together a touchdown drive which won it, 20-14.

It shouldn't take newspaper ads to alert Cleveland's opposition this year. The Browns may not be the power they once were, but their fortunes are truly turning around.

Whether they have turned around enough to overcome the Pittsburgh Steelers or even beat off the challenge of their downstate rival, the Cincinnati Bengals, remains to be seen. But they should field another contender, at least.

Those overused adjectives "valiant" and "courageous" were not out of place when applied to the Cleveland club last year. The Browns could have been demoralized by their disastrous preseason results. They could have caved in when they lost three of their first five in what was a torrid division race.

But instead they went on a six-game winning streak.

They seemed to have a hero a week. Don Cockroft kicked a 57-yard field goal, second-longest in NFL annals as they defeated



MIKE PHIPPS matured quickly and became the Browns' starting quarterback.

Denver, 27-20. Mike Phipps and Frank Pitts collaborated on a 38-yard, last-minute touchdown pass which beat San Diego, 21-17; Leroy Kelly summoned some of his prime to pierce Pittsburgh's fine defense for 107 yards as the Browns defeated the Steelers, 26-29, and tied them for the division lead in the 10th game of the season.

But the real hero in the Browns' amazing season was soft-spoken, pipe-puffing Nick Skorich, the head coach.

Skorich handed the quarterback assignment to young Mike Phipps in the second game of the season. He assured Phipps that he would suffer through with him. Skorich was a man of his word. Phipps faltered at times and his statistics were nothing great but he seemed to grow in his role each week and gave the Browns the type of leadership they needed.

The story of the '73 Browns could be the progress Phipps makes personally.

What Phipps needs most now is a superior cast around him. He doesn't have it now.

NICK SKORICH, Coach.

Assistants: Howard Brinker, Dick Modzelewski, John David Crow, Fran Polsfoot, Al Tabor, Jerry Smith, Richie McCabe.

Both Kelly and Scott have seen better days. Leroy gained 811 yards last year in a season which saw most of the contending teams with more productive runners. He carried 224 times. Bo had 571 yards in 123 carries.

Depth is a problem in the entire backfield.

Skorich traded with Denver for Don Horn to get a backup for Phipps. He might find himself in a battle with taxi-squad graduate Brian Sipe or even rookie Randy Mattingly of Evansville.

The only experienced runners behind Kelly and Scott are little-used Ken Brown and one other even lesser used, Bill LeFear. The Browns took a flyer in the second round of the draft and selected Greg Pruitt of Oklahoma. He's a tremendous talent but on the small side (5-10, 186) for regular work in the NFL. Nevertheless, he should be a contributor if just on punt and kickoff returns.

Another possibility is Hugh McKinnis, a star in the Canadian League for the last several seasons. The Browns drafted him last year, after his original class



LEROY KELLY (44), with 6885 yards, is fourth on NFL all-time rushing list and has combined with Bo Scott, below, for total of 4134 yards on ground in the past three campaigns.



at Arizona State graduated. He's a big, strong back on the lines of Scott.

Phipps' most reliable target last year was wide receiver Frank Pitts, who caught eight touchdown passes. Fair Hooker, the other starter, caught 32 balls but they averaged only 13.8 yards. Fair is not the type of receiver who worries defenses.

But the draft brought a receiver who does cause the enemy to worry. He's Steve Holden, a classy, swift pass catcher from Arizona State.

Holden is a near cinch to end up in the starting lineup by opening day. Hooker is the man he would logically challenge. Gloster Richardson, Pitts' old sidekick from Kansas City days, also is on the roster.

The Browns own two reliable tight ends. Milt Morin caught 30 passes for 540 yards and his blocking helps the runners. Chip Glass, his sub, plays often, especially in short-yardage situations when the Browns use both him and Morin. Rookie Stan Simons is a relative sleeper from Lewis and Clark.

Cleveland used to have a pair

STEVE HOLDEN, a rookie receiver, could break into the starting lineup.



of bell-ringing offense tackles named, not Lewis and Clark, but Schafrath and Clarke—Dick Schafrath and Monte Clarke. The team has suffered since they retired a couple of years ago. But now there is a new pair the Browns hope can grow to the stature of Schafrath and Clarke. They are Bob McKay and Doug Dieken. They should thrive this year if Dieken is recovered from knee surgery.

Unheralded John DeMarie is the class of the line at guard. His partner is 37-year-old Gene Hickerson, who begins his 16th NFL season. The Browns had better start some serious thinking about a replacement for Old Gene. Bob DeMarco came in a trade from Miami to play center when Jim Copeland suffered a dislocated hip. If Copeland is fully recovered he could reclaim his own job or press Hickerson at guard.

The experienced subs aren't too exciting. They include guard Bubba Pena, tackles Chris Morris and Joe Carollo and guard Craig Wycinski. But the Browns used the second of their first-round draft picks to take Pete Adams, a Southern California star, listed as a tackle but who could be the ideal replacement for Hickerson.

The Browns went into training camp last year looking for a kicker. They had drafted high for George Hunt of Tennessee. But Don Cockroft, the man whose job was in jeopardy, had a great year. He kicked 22 field goals in 27 tries including the second-longest in NFL history, 57 yards. He doubled as a fine punter, averaging 43.2 per kick. Hunt was traded to Baltimore.

As usual, the Browns have a linebacking dilemma.

Ever since Vince Costello finished his career a decade ago the Browns have searched in vain for a quality middle linebacker. This year is no different. Dale Lindsey, who played the position on and off for a half dozen seasons—as well as serving a couple of hitches as an outside backer—finished last season as the starter. But when camp opened this year both of the outside linebacking regulars, Charley Hall and Billy

Andrews, were given auditions in the middle. The search goes on.

If Skorich settles on either Andrews or Hall, John Garlington likely would be promoted to the starting lineup. He's been a starter before.

Rick Kingrea, a youngster who had a long shot in the middle a year ago, will be looked at again. Andy Dorris, fourth-round draft pick from New Mexico State, is another possibility. So is Mel Long, who made the squad as a rookie last year.

The Browns made their greatest defensive improvement in the secondary. In the previous two seasons defensive backs were the No. 1 choices—corner Clarence Scott two years ago and free safety Tom Darden. Both were instant hits.

The highest drafted rookie defensive back this year is Jim Stienke of Southwest Texas. The coaches expected him to push Ben Davis, the corner opposite Scott. Walt Sumner is the starting strong safety. He could be challenged by Clifford Brooks, a high draftee from '72 who played little, or rookies Van Green of Shaw or Bob Popelka of SMU.

What the defensive line needs is ends, healthy ends. There was consternation last year when the best pass rusher, Joe Jones, went down with a knee injury. The Browns had already lost Jack Gregory, who played out his op-

tion. Then Ron Snidow broke his leg and rookie Lester Sims tore up a knee. All-purpose hustler Bob Briggs filled in on one side and ex Bengal Nick Roman on the other.

Now Jones and Sims return, although Snidow retired. Bob Crum, a good-looking rookie



KEN BROWN, 5-10 203-pound running back, hopes to get more action.

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RUSHING —Kelly, 224 carries for 811 yds., 3.6 Avg., 4 TDs	10th
PASSING —Phipps, 144 in 305 attempts for 1994 yds., 13 TDs	11th
RECEIVING —Pitts, 36 receptions for 620 yds., 8 TDs	16th
INTERCEPTIONS —Darden, 3 for 64 yds., 21.3 Avg.	29th
PUNTING —Cockroft, 81 punts, 43.2 Avg., longest 65 yds.	3rd
PUNT RETURNS —Majors, 16 for 96 yds., 6.0 Avg.	8th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Brown, 20 for 473 yds., 23.7 Avg.	13th

Pre-season Games

Aug. 6	SAN FRANCISCO (N)
11	AT Los Angeles (N)
19	Cincinnati at Columbus, O.
25	Atlanta at Knoxville, Tn (N)
Sept. 1	DETROIT (N)
8	NY Giants at Akron, O. (N)

1973 SCHEDULE	1972 Scores
Sept. 16	BALTIMORE —
23	AT Pittsburgh 0-30
30	N.Y. GIANTS —
Oct. 7	AT Cincinnati 27-24
15	MIAMI (N) —
21	HOUSTON 20-0
28	SAN DIEGO 21-17
Nov. 4	AT Minnesota —
11	AT Houston 23-17
18	AT Oakland —
25	PITTSBURGH 26-24
Dec. 2	AT Kansas City 7-31
9	CINCINNATI 27-6
16	AT Los Angeles —



DON COCKROFT is one of few combination punter-placekickers in NFL.

from Arizona, could help at end or tackle.

Tackle is the team's strongest position. Neither Walter Johnson nor Jerry Sherk made the Pro Bowl last year but they deserved to. Rookie Carl Barisich of Princeton will be hard pressed to make it.

BROWNS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
52	Andrews, Bill	LB	6-0½	220	28	7	SE. La.
84	Briggs, Bob	DE-DT	6-4	258	28	6	Heidelberg
23	Brooks, Clifford	CB	6-1	190	24	2	Tenn. St.
30	Brown, Ken	RB	5-10	203	28	4	None
63	Carollo, Joe	T	6-2	265	33	12	Notre Dame
12	Cockroft, Don	K	6-1	195	28	6	Adams St.
64	Copeland, Jim	C-G	6-2	243	28	7	Virginia
27	Darden, Tom	CB	6-2	195	23	2	Michigan
28	Davis, Ben	CB	5-11	180	28	6	Defiance
61	DeMarco, Bob	C	6-2	248	35	13	Dayton
65	DeMarie, John	G	6-3	246	28	7	LSU
73	Dieken, Doug	T	6-5½	254	24	3	Illinois
50	Garlington, John	LB	6-1	218	27	6	LSU
83	Glass, Charles	TE	6-4	235	26	5	Florida St.
59	Hall, Charles	LB	6-3½	220	25	3	Houston
66	Hickerson, Gene	G	6-3	252	37	16	Mississippi
43	Hooker, Fair	WR	6-1	190	26	5	Ariz. St.
11	Horn, Don	QB	6-2	195	28	7	S. Diego St.
87	Jackson, Rich	DE	6-3	255	32	8	Southern U.
71	Johnson, Walter	DT	6-4	265	31	9	L.A. St.
80	Jones, Joe	DE	6-6	250	25	3	Tenn. St.
44	Kelly, Leroy	RB	6-0	202	31	10	Morgan St.
58	Kingrea, Rick	LB	6-1	233	24	3	Tulane
19	LeFear, Billy	RB	5-11	107	23	2	Henderson
51	Lindsey, Dale	LB	6-2½	223	30	9	Western Ky.
53	Long, Mel	LB	6-0½	228	27	2	Toledo
24	Majors, Bobby	S	6-1	193	24	2	Tennessee
78	McKay, Bob	T	6-5	260	26	4	Texas
89	Morin, Milt	TE	6-4	236	31	8	Mass.
62	Morris, Chris	T	6-3	250	24	2	Indiana
68	Pena, Robert	G	6-2	250	24	2	Mass.
15	Phipps, Mike	QB	6-3	208	26	4	Purdue
25	Pitts, Frank	WR	6-3	199	30	9	Southern U.
42	Richardson, G.	WR	6-2	200	31	7	Jackson St.
81	Roman, Nick	DE	6-3	244	26	4	Ohio St.
22	Scott, Clarence	CB	6-0	180	24	3	Kansas St.
35	Scott, Robert	RB	6-3	215	30	5	Ohio St.
72	Sherk, Jerry	DT	6-4½	258	25	4	Okl. St.
29	Sumner, Walt	S	6-1	195	26	5	Florida St.
79	Wright, George	DT	6-3	265	26	3	Sam Houston
67	Wycinsky, Craig	G	6-3	243	25	2	Michigan St.

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
69	Adams, Pete	G	6-4	260	22	So. Calif.
94	Armstrong, Gord.	T	6-2	255	22	N.C. Central
74	Barisich, Carl	DT	6-4	258	22	Princeton
95	Bilko, Steve	WR	6-2	190	22	Villanova
47	Brinkman, C.	WR	6-2	208	24	Louisville
38	Chapman, B.	CB	5-11	170	24	El Paso
88	Crum, Bob	DE	6-5	235	22	Arizona
54	Dorris, Andy	LB	6-4	225	22	N. Mex. St.
91	Dreier, Frank	LB	6-4	242	25	Kent St.
16	Gentry, Dan	K	5-9½	175	23	Tenn. Tech
21	Green, Van	S-CB	6-1	192	22	Shaw U.
36	Greenfield, Geo	RB	5-10	215	23	Murray St.
8	Herrick, Daryl	S	6-3	195	22	River Falls
26	Holden, Steve	WR	6-0½	192	22	Ariz. St.
49	Howard, Luther	WR	6-0	173	23	Delaware St.
70	Humphrey, Tom	T	6-6	265	23	Ab. Christian
13	Izzo, Len	WR	5-11	185	24	C. W. Post
96	Kijanko, Tony	T	6-5	248	26	Bowl. Green
57	Kinsley, Jim	LB	6-3	222	22	C. W. Post
93	Lipscomb, Larry	DT	6-3½	280	22	None
98	Lokanc, Dave	LB	6-1	220	22	Wisconsin
41	Madden, Don	RB	6-0	199	25	E. Michigan
18	Mattingly, R.	QB	6-4	206	22	Evansville
55	McClowry, Bob	C	6-3	243	23	Mich. St.
97	McCreight, Tom	G	6-2	250	24	Northwestern
56	McCullar, Jewell	LB	6-1½	235	24	Chico St.
37	McKinnis, Hugh	RB	6-0½	225	25	Ariz. St.
90	Monahan, John	T	6-4	246	22	Brig. Young
39	Mozisek, Tom	RB	5-11	205	23	Houston
77	Nelson, Don	T	6-6	250	22	Dartmouth
77	Parmenter, H.	DT	6-2	255	24	Mass.
40	Popelka, Bob	S	5-11½	188	24	SMU
9	Portz, Bill	S	5-11½	190	23	Sterling
34	Pruitt, Greg	RB	5-10	186	22	Oklahoma
92	Richards, Dave	WR	5-9½	180	23	Miami (O)
31	Romanisyn, J.	RB	6-2	214	22	Edinboro
10	Seels, Ted	CB	6-0½	195	23	Bishop
90	Simmons, Stan	TE	6-4	220	23	Lewis & Clark
86	Sims, Lester	DE	6-4	250	23	Alabama St.
17	Sipe, Brian	QB	6-1	195	24	S. Diego St.
99	Smith, Ken	TE	6-4	225	22	New Mexico
20	Stienke, Jim	CB	5-11	182	23	S.W. Tex. St.
48	Sullivan, Dave	WR	5-11½	185	22	Virginia
60	Ulmer, Larry	G	6-4	245	22	West. Mich.
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75	Wicks, Felix	DE	6-3	238	23	Miss. Val.

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HOUSTON OILERS

PREDICTION 4TH

The same week Richard Nixon spoke of helping to rebuild Hanoi and Haiphong, Bud Adams, owner of the Houston Oilers' football team, spoke of hiring Sid Gillman as his general manager.

Adams never mined Gillman's swimming pool when the two were rivals in the hey-day of the American League. Sid never defoliated Bud's ranch, but that's not saying neither thought of it.

Now the two old sparring partners have joined forces to revive the Oilers. Sid got there just in time. One more season and he would have had to exhume the Oilers rather than revive them.

Houston had the worst record in the NFL last year, 1-13. On paper the Oiler personnel is no worse than that of New Orleans, Philadelphia, New England or the rest of the NFL's hobo population. But for disorganization the Texas club stands alone.

Gillman is being asked to bring order out of chaos. He has the background for it. As coach and general manager of the San Diego Chargers in the '60s, Gillman, in the words of former AFL President Milt Woodward, "taught the league how to be professional."

Whether Sid has the patience to weather the inevitable clashes with owner Adams remains to be seen.

There is something else NFL watchers are waiting to see. When Adams lured Coach Bill Peterson away from Rice Institute with what was called a "lifetime contract," he envisioned a future of touchdowns, victories and entertaining football. But the Oilers looked worse than ever under Peterson. If they get out of the gate as poorly as last year will Gillman end up with the coaching assignment too?

Whatever happens, there is a two-platoon rebuilding program in Houston. Only one team in



ELVIN BETHEA (65), defensive end, puts rush on Dallas' Roger Staubach.

the league, Philadelphia, scored fewer points than the Oilers. Only one team, New England, surrendered more points.

Of all the offensive holes, none appears more gaping than the line. The most reliable lineman on last year's team was gypsy tackle, Levert Carr, who could not be mentioned among the top 50 blockers in the NFL. What would help most this season are some medical miracles. At least three potential starters are coming off the injured list.

Elbert Drungo could play either tackle or guard, if his tornup knee is mended. Rich Cheek, claimed off Buffalo's injured list, has the potential to make it if he's okay. He's had two knee operations in two years.

The best new man is Bill Curry, a fine center for Baltimore. He was one of the Colts amputated in General Manager Joe Thomas' purge.

A trade brought 9-year vet tackle Jim Snowden from Washington.

Other experienced linemen include guard Ron Saul, center Guy Murdock, center Calvin Hunt and guard Sol Freelon.

BILL PETERSON, Coach.
Assistants: Larry Peccatiello, Joe Madro, Ernel Durden, Burnie Miller, King Hill, Garland Boyette, Andy Bourgeois, Lew Carpenter, Bruce Beatty.

Peterson swapped his best receiver, Charley Joiner, to Cincinnati for help to ease the running back crisis in the middle of last season. Now he has ex Steeler Dave Smith, a fellow who has good days and bad, and Ken Burrough, the epitome of inconsistency. Each man can make Houston hearts leap or tear them out. Clifton McNeil, ex Redskin, and Billy Parks, ex Cowboy, who came in trades, figure prominently. Jim Beirne and Rhett Lawson are nickle-and-dime pattern guys.

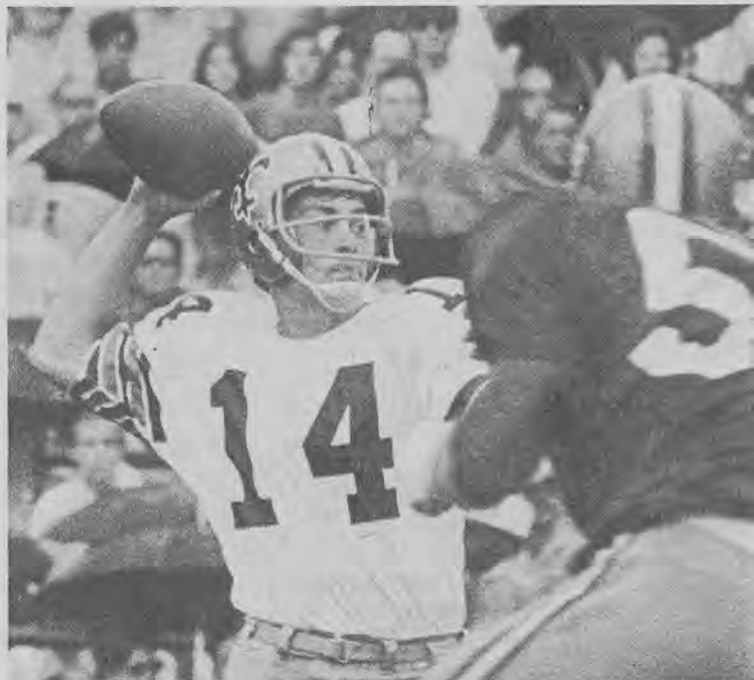
The best rookie is Edesel Garrison, the speedy youngster from Southern California.

The Oilers are far better off at tight end. Alvin Reed delivers an honest day's work and now the club has obtained Dave Parks, the seasoned pro from New Orleans. Parks' earlier experience on the outside when he played in San Francisco may give Peterson some working room to devise a better air attack. If Dave does move, ex Redskin Mack Alston or rookie Ron Mayo of Morgan State might earn the backup position behind Reed.

Getting the ball to any of the



DAN PASTORINI sets up to pass in game against Chargers.



EDD HARGETT, is quarterback obtained from New Orleans.

above folks could pose a problem. Dan Pastorini, the young quarterback, was a beaten man at the end of his second season. Cincinnati mugged him without mercy in the final game of '72 when the Oilers expired, 17-61.

When Pastorini finished his rookie year he was rated just behind Jim Plunkett of New England as a spectacular prospect for future stardom. But a collapsing supporting cast did both youngsters in. To Pastorini's credit, he refused to buckle under the severe rush which harrassed him in almost every game. His interception percentage was a creditable 4.0. Lesser men throw the ball up for grabs. He ate it and took his beatings.

In case Pastorini still bears too many scars from '72, the Oilers have backup help coming. They traded with New Orleans for undersized but heady Edd Hargett. Expected back is Lynn Dickey, a bright prospect who suffered a dislocated hip last summer.

Second only to the line as a critical offensive problem last year was the running backs. The situation was patched up a bit at mid-season and this year's draft may contain a healer.

It cost them Joiner and starting linebacker Ron Pritchard but

the Oilers got a couple of reserve backs from Cincinnati who turned out to be starters in Houston. They are Fred Willis and Paul Robinson. Willis is an honest player who is a frequent target on pass patterns. Robinson hasn't had a first-rate season since he was rookie of the year in '68, but he upgraded the Oilers.

Houston had two first-round picks in the draft. With the second the Oilers selected Iowa State's quarterback, George Amundson. He won't be a quarterback in the pros, however. They looked upon him all the way as a ball carrier. He could be a starter in his rookie year.

Still seeking work are seasoned Hoyle Granger, Willie Rodgers, Al Johnson and Lewis Jolley.

Not everything went poorly for the Oilers' attack last year. They may have found a field goal kicker. He's Skip Butler, who tried and failed with a half dozen pro teams in the last five years. He got a full shot with Houston and connected on 12 of 19 tries.

There are major alterations in the defensive line. Tackle Mike Tilleman, one of the team's few stars, demanded to be traded after the season. The Oilers swapped him to Atlanta for a No. 1 draft choice, which later was turned into Amundson. End

Elvin Bethea said he had enough, too, but the Houston brass is trying to mollify him. You just don't get defensive ends like Bethea every day, even if he's angry at the team whose uniform he wears.

To refurbish things, the Oilers used their No. 1 pick in the NFL draft to take the enormous lineman from Tampa U., John Matuszak. At 6-7 and 286, Matuszak has the NFL size and then some. He also has a certified mean streak. But whether he was schooled well enough by the college competition he faced to contribute immediately to the Oiler defense is a matter of conjecture.

Later on Gillman swapped a high draft choice to Buffalo for a well-seasoned young defensive end, Al Cowlings and then obtained Tody Smith from Dallas.

Cowlings and Smith once were teammates on USC's famed "Wild Bunch" defensive line.

Houston's front-four, then, may be composed entirely of If-Comes: IF Bethea can be soothed; IF Cowlings can relocate his potential; and IF Tody, once the Cowboy's No. 1 pick, can mature as an NFL tackle, the Oilers could have a reasonable force up front.

Another newcomer, ex Redskin Mike Fanucci, is an unknown quantity.

But even if the line problems are solved, there are even more pressing ones among the line-backing corps. At the start of last year the regulars were George Webster and Pritchard on the outside with Garland Boyette in the middle. Webster was swapped to the Steelers for Smith, Pritchard to Cincinnati in the Robinson-Willis-Joiner deal and Boyette retired.

This year the Oilers traded for three linebackers to try for a patch-up job. They are Paul Guidry from Buffalo and Mike McGill and Jim Hargrove from St. Louis.

The only dependable returnee is Floyd Rice, the lanky fellow who made a favorable impression as a rookie and then won a start last year.

Phil Croyle, Richard Lewis and Guy Roberts also were active last year. Best rookie hope

is Purdue's Greg Bingham, a nose guard in college but a fair bet to make it when he's converted to middle linebacker. He wants to play.

The corners may be the most skilled people on the defensive platoon. Zeke Moore always has been known as a hitter and Willie Alexander might be drawing raves if he was playing with a better team. Benny Johnson is no weight-lifter but he's not a bad cover man if he has to play for either.

Jeff Severson, another product of the Ken Houston deal, could end up with Ken's old job at strong safety. Robert Atkins moved ahead of John Charles at free safety and was a creditable player. Nebraska's Joe Blahak might press both of them.

Pastorini punted more than anyone in the NFL last year, 82 times, and averaged 41.2.

Gillman probably will be wheeling and dealing for reinforcements right up to the mid-season deadline. The Oilers also have first refusal on any players waived by the 12 other AFC teams up to opening day of the

regular season. Rely on Sid to pick a few plums out of that bunch.

And if there aren't some significant progress shown by Halloween, you might see him down along the sidelines.



FLOYD RICE is lone dependable returnee among Houston linebackers.

GUY MURDOCK will try and hold off Bill Curry for starting job at center.



1972 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

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RECEIVING —Willis, 45 receptions for 297 yds., 2 TDs (inc. Cinn.)	7th
INTERCEPTIONS —Atkins, 2 for 37 yds., 18.5 Avg.	45th
PUNTING —Pastorini, 82 punts, 41.2 Avg., longest 63 yds.	6th
PUNT RETURNS —Houston, 25 for 148 yds., 5.9 Avg.	9th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Rodgers, 17 for 335 yds., 19.7 Avg.	17th

Pre-season Games

Aug. 3	NEW YORK JETS (N)
11	CHICAGO (N)
18	Green Bay at Milwaukee (N)
23	DALLAS (N)
Sept. 1	BALTIMORE (N)
8	AT New Orleans (N)

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	14 DENVER	—
	21 AT Cleveland	0-20
	28 AT Chicago	—
Nov.	4 AT Baltimore	—
	11 CLEVELAND	17-23
	18 AT Kansas City	—
	25 NEW ENGLAND	—
Dec.	2 OAKLAND	0-34
	9 AT Pittsburgh	7-24
	16 CINCINNATI	17-61

OILERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
19	Alexander, W.	CB	6-3	188	23	3	Alcorn A&M
	Alston, Mac	TE	6-2	230	26	4	Md. State
47	Askson, Bert	LB	6-2	229	27	2	Tex. So'ern
48	Atkins, Bob	S	6-3	215	26	6	Grambling
81	Beirne, Jim	WR	6-2	206	26	6	Purdue
65	Bethea, Elvin	DE	6-2	260	26	6	No. C. A&T
73	Brooks, Leo	DT	6-5	261	25	4	Austin
00	Burrough, Ken	WR	6-3	215	24	4	Tex. So'ern
2	Butler, Skip	K	6-1	201	25	3	Arlington
53	Carr, Levert	T	6-2	272	26	5	No. Cent. St.
25	Charles, John	S	6-0	205	28	7	Purdue
57	Cheek, Richard	G	6-2	258	24	3	Auburn
	Cowlings, Al	DE	6-4	250	26	4	So. Calif.
59	Croyle, Phil	LB	6-3	223	23	3	California
50	Curry, Bill	C	6-2	232	31	9	Ga. Tech
20	Dawson, Rhett	WR	6-1	180	24	2	Florida St.
10	Dickey, Lynn	QB	6-3	214	23	3	Kansas St.
75	Drungo, Elbert	T	6-4	280	29	5	Tenn. St.
41	Dusenberry, Bill	RB	6-1	202	25	2	J. C. Smith
	Fannucci, Mike	DE	6-4	225	23	2	Arizona St.
69	Freelon, Sol	C	6-1	250	22	2	Grambling
56	Funchess, Tom	T	6-5	265	28	6	Jackson St.
46	Guidry, Paul	LB	6-3	227	29	8	McNeese St.
14	Hargett, Edd	QB	5-11	187	26	5	Texas A&M
	Hargrove, Jim	LB	6-3	225	28	6	How. Payne
51	Hunt, Calvin	C	6-3	243	25	3	Baylor
15	Johnson, Al	RB	6-0	200	22	2	Cincinnati
33	Johnson, Benny	CB	5-11	175	24	4	J. C. Smith
40	Jolley, Lewis	RB	6-0	210	23	2	No. Carolina
55	Lewis, Richard	LB	6-2	220	23	2	Portland St.
	McGill, Mike	LB	6-2	235	30	6	Notre Dame
	McNeil, Clifton	WR	6-2	187	32	10	Grambling
62	Miller, Ralph	G	6-3	260	24	2	Alabama St.
22	Moore, Zeke	CB	6-2	198	29	7	Lincoln
53	Murdock, Guy	C	6-2	245	22	2	Michigan
76	Nowak, Gary	DT	6-5	260	25	2	Mich. St.
36	Nowatzke, Tom	LB	6-2	235	31	8	Indiana
	Parks, Billy	WR	6-1	185	25	3	Long Beach
83	Parks, Dave	TE	6-2	220	32	10	Texas Tech
7	Pastorini, Dan	QB	6-2	200	23	3	Santa Clara
89	Reed, Alvin	TE	6-5	235	28	7	Pr. View
85	Rice, Floyd	LB	6-3	220	23	3	Alcorn A&M
56	Roberts, Guy	LB	6-1	217	22	2	Maryland
18	Robinson, Paul	RB	6-0	198	28	6	Arizona
34	Rodgers, Willie	RB	6-0	215	24	2	Ky. State
77	Rudolph, Council	DE	6-4	250	22	2	Ky. State
91	Sampson, Greg	DT	6-6	260	22	2	Stanford
64	Saul, Ron	G	6-2	255	24	4	Mich. St.
	Severson, Jeff	S	6-1	180	23	2	Long Beach
87	Smith, Dave	WR	6-1	205	25	4	Indiana (Pa.)
	Smith, Tody	DE	6-5	245	24	3	So. Calif.
	Snowden, Jim	T	6-3	255	31	9	Notre Dame
52	Stincic, Tom	LB	6-4	230	27	5	Michigan
79	Swinney, Clovis	DT	6-2	250	27	2	Ark. St.
71	Wells, Robert	T	6-3	275	27	5	J. C. Smith
44	Willis, Fred	RB	6-0	212	24	3	Boston Col.

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12	Amundson, G.	RB	6-3	215	21	Iowa St.
54	Bingham, Greg	LB	6-1	227	22	Purdue
86	Bishop, Jim	TE	6-1	231	23	Tenn. Tech
27	Blahak, Joe	CB	5-9	182	22	Nebraska
60	Braband, Randy	LB	6-0	185	22	Austin
6	Brunson, Mike	WR	6-0	185	22	Arizona St.
82	Bullock, Ron	TE	6-1	225	23	Virginia St.
28	Dameron, Tim	WR	6-1	188	22	E. Carolina
35	Duncan, Dennis	RB	6-1	227	28	No. West La.
26	Eaglin, Larry	CB	6-2	195	22	S. F. Austin
39	Ealey, Don	RB	5-11	203	24	Austin
84	Garrison, Ed	WR	6-1	210	23	So. Calif.
92	Gay, Tom	DT	6-2	262	25	Ark. AM&N
1	Henry, Sam	K	5-9	180	23	Tulsa
31	Hester, Charles	RB	6-1	212	25	Central St.
72	Holden, Sam	G-T	6-3	269	25	Grambling
13	Hrncir, Mike	S	6-1	188	24	West Tex. St.
3	Jenkins, Alfred	WR	5-9	154	24	Alcorn A&M
49	Jenkins, Ray	LB	6-1	218	24	Alcorn A&M
78	Jordan, Shelby	T	6-5	252	23	Wash. (St. L.)
70	Lewis, Scott	DT	6-5	270	24	Grambling
58	Lou, Ron	C	6-1	231	22	Arizona St.
24	Lyman, Brad	WR	6-0	189	23	UCLA
88	Matuszak, John	TE	6-7	282	22	Tampa
90	Mayo, Ron	DT	6-2	222	23	Morgan St.
37	Myers, Roy	RB	6-3	215	26	N. Tex. St.
80	Nelson, John	TE	6-5	227	23	Okla. City
30	Phillips, Dickie	WR	5-11	181	25	Rice
8	Shanklin, Don	WR	5-8	170	23	Kansas
38	Thompson, Lee	LB	6-0	226	23	Gard-Webb
74	Vaughan, Darrel	DT	6-4	260	23	No. Colo.
61	Voget, Jon	C-G	6-4	245	23	Long Beach
68	Wheless, Brownie	T	6-4	266	25	Rice
17	Williams, Mark	K	6-0	187	22	Rice
23	Williams, Paul	CB	5-11	168	24	Sam Houston
67	Wilson, Michael	G	6-1	265	23	Dayton

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OAKLAND RAIDERS

PREDICTION 1ST

When we last departed the Oakland Raiders they were still shaking their heads in disbelief and frustration.

Franco Harris of the Pittsburgh Steelers had just snatched a playoff victory away from the Raiders on a one-in-a-million play.

The impression left by that fantastic moment was that the Raiders were left in a heap. That is an inaccurate impression.

The Raiders, on the contrary, should be among the NFL's elite again this year. They, in fact, should be a heavy favorite to win their sixth Western Division championship in the last seven seasons. They have pulled that rare feat in professional sports, rebuilding while still winning.

The young Oakland defense might have signalled what could be in the future when they met their perennial rival, Kansas City, in a Western Division showdown game late in November. The Raider defenders strangled the Chiefs, 26-3.

Compare the aging Chiefs, who appear to be the only serious challenger for the Raiders in the AFC-East, to the Oakland youngsters on defense:

The Raider front four includes two tackles who became starters for the first time last year—Art Thoms and Otis Sistrunk. The ends—Horace Jones and Tony Cline—were in the second seasons.

The kids limited the opposition to 126 yards per game on the ground. That's a pretty fine show in the era of run-run-run NFL football. They also reached the opposition quarterback 27 times, another decent figure.

The Raiders also attempted a change in their linebacking. The original idea was to have Gerald Irons, a youngster whom they had brought along slowly, take over for veteran Dan Connors in the middle. But instead Irons was



DARYLE LAMONICA (3), who has thrown for 145 touchdown passes in six years with the Raiders, spots receiver behind MARV HUBBARD's blocking.

found to be more valuable playing ahead of another vet, Gus Otto on the outside. Connors, meanwhile, got a second chance and made the most of it.

There may be even more radical changes, or at least alterations, in '73. Listen to head Coach John Madden:

"Situation substitution is going to be the next big change in defensive football," says Madden. "Moreover it will force the offense to do the same thing."

"Situation substitution is using different kinds of players on defense against the offense depending upon their down-and-distance situation. You'll see defenses differ from first down situations to second and medium, second and long, third and long, third and short and you'll have different people for all of them."

"You're going to see more 210-pound linebackers, the kind of alert, quick guys who didn't make it in the past because it was felt they couldn't hold up against

the run as well as the 230- and 240-pound backer."

Madden's problem then, one which most rival coaches wish they had, is to find additional linemen and linebackers to use as utility men.

Tom Keating, dislodged as a starter by Sistrunk and Thoms, probably has plenty left to serve as spot player in Madden's new scheme of things. Two other linemen, Kelvin Korver and Dan Medlin, fermented on the taxi squad. Korver was a high draft choice whom many ridiculed as a mistake by the Raiders. But that's what they said about Thoms until last year. Another possibility is Vernon Vanoy, the big guy who kicked around Toronto, the Giants and Green Bay without much success. The Packers sent him West in a deal for Oats.

Otto should be the principal linebacking reserve. Greg Slough is another who may be ready to contribute in his third pro season.

JOHN MADDEN, Coach.
Assistants: *Ollie Spencer, Tom Dahms, Bob Zeman, Paul Roach, Don Shinnick, Tom Flores.*



CLARENCE DAVIS, carrying ball, proved a valuable reserve, rushing for 363 yards and six touchdowns in 1972.



FRED BILETNIKOFF, who has 360 career receptions for 5852 yards and 49 TDs, scores TD against San Diego.

The Raiders also traded with Los Angeles for Jim Purnell, but he talks retirement. Joe Carroll and Terry Mendenhall have served spear-carrying roles.

The No. 2 draft pick was among the year's sleepers, Monte Johnson of Nebraska who came on fast as a defensive lineman at the end of the fall. But the Raiders will convert the 6-4, 235-pounder to linebacker. Fresno State's Gary Weaver and Alabama's all-America center, Jim Krapf, another converttee, are other possibilities.

Oakland's corner backs, Willie Brown and Nemiah Wilson are at the tenuous age where experience can drift into just plain age.

Brown is 32. That's creaky for a corner back, but most passers are afraid to see if Willie still has it. He can put six points on the scoreboard in a hurry when the pass isn't careful. Wilson, 30, is less respected but he does a competent job. Behind them are age in the person of 34-year-old Jim Warren and 32-year-old Lee Calland, obtained from Pittsburgh as well as youth in sophomore Skip Thomas.

The safeties are much younger. George Atkinson is beginning his sixth season and few tight ends test this strong safety successfully. Free safety Jack Tatum should be about ripe for post-season honors when he finishes his third pro season. Tommy

Maxwell and rookie Perry Smith of Colorado State bid for reserve duty.

Any discussion of Oakland quarterbacks creates controversy.

Daryle Lamonica should be at the top of his game at 32. He threw 18 touchdown passes and finished second to Earl Morrall of Miami in ranking of American Conference quarterbacks. The Raiders have an .808 winning percentage since he came to assume the starting role in 1967.

Yet he does not command unanimous respect among the Raider brass.

Al Davis, the administrative strong man whose influence spreads to the playing field, is pro Lamonica. Madden's endorsement is lukewarm.

The alternative to Lamonica would be lefty Ken Stabler. It was Stabler who came in against Kansas City, the arch Western Division rival and threw for 167 yards, 14 of 23. He nearly pulled out the playoff game against Pittsburgh.

This is Stabler's fourth season and the signs are that he will be given a strong chance to win the job in the exhibition games.

Behind them are that valuable antique, George Blanda, and an impressive taxi squadder, Don Milan. The Raiders also drafted Mike Rae of Southern California but he signed with Toronto of the Canadian League.

The heart of the Oakland attack is the offensive line. It's hard to think of a better pair of tackles than Art Shell and Bob Brown. As a matter of fact it's hard to think of a better pair of guards than Gene Upshaw and George Buehler. Center Jim Otto may be a candidate for the Hall of Fame some day, but not until he's no longer a candidate for the all-pro team. That time hasn't come yet.

Otto got his knee torn up in the summer games but proved just as undestructable as ever, extending his consecutive game streak to 183 games. That extends back to the early '60s when the Raiders were so bad even the coaches wanted to play hockey.

The ready reserves include Paul Seiler, Dave Dalby and John Vella, who can play several places in the line, and center Warren Koegel. Ex Oiler Gene Ferguson gets another shot at tackle.

Brent Myers of Purdue was the top draft pick. He went in the sixth round.

The Raiders allowed Marv Hubbard, the frenzied fullback, out of his cage long enough for him to gain 1000 yards. Only O. J. Simpson and Larry Csonka did better. Complementing him is the good outside runner and dangerous pass catcher, Charlie Smith. Smitty ran across eight touchdowns. He also caught 28 passes.

There's much depth. Clarence Davis, getting a lot of use during his sophomore season, ran for six touchdowns, gained 363 yards and averaged 5.1 yards per carry. Old reliable Pete Banaszak had a 4.6 average in a relief role. Don Highsmith has outside speed and Jeff Queen, a fullback type, doubled as a tight end. Rookie Jerry List was the starting tight end for Nebraska but Oakland will look at him as a running back.

The receiving is ne plus ultra. Fred Biletnikoff led the AFC with 58 catches and scored seven times. Tight end Ray Chester numbered eight scoring catches among his 34 receptions. Rookie Mike Siani caught 28 for five TDs.

The bench here is good, too. Cliff Branch has the speed, ex Bronco Al Denson the experience, rookie wide receivers Joe Wylie and Louis Neal and tight end Bob Moore and Steve Sweeney the possibilities.

The Raiders pulled a zonker

of a surprise in the draft, picking specialist Ray Guy of Southern Mississippi who will challenge Jerry DePoyster for the punting and kickoff duties. DePoyster was deficient on both scores last year. The place kicking is in the venerable possession of Blanda, a satisfactory 17 of 26 in field goals last year.



JACK TATUM was club interception leader with four in second NFL year.

1972 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Blanda, 95 points on 44 XP, 17 field goals	6th
RUSHING —Hubbard, 219 carries for 1100 yds., 5.0 Avg., 4 TDs	3rd
PASSING —Lamonica, 149 in 281 attempts for 1998 yds., 18 TDs	2nd
RECEIVING —Biletnikoff, 58 receptions for 802 yds., 7 TDs	1st
INTERCEPTIONS —Tatum, 4 for 91 yds., 22.8 Avg.	15th
PUNTING —DePoyster, 55 punts, 36.9 Avg., longest 57 yds.	13th
PUNT RETURNS —Branch, 12 for 21 yds., 1.8 Avg.	13th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Davis, 18 for 464 yds., 25.8 Avg.	4th

Pre-season Games

Aug. 5	AT New England (N)
11	DALLAS (N)
18	LOS ANGELES
25	MINNESOTA
Sept. 1	SAN FRANCISCO (N)
8	AT Buffalo (N)

1973 SCHEDULE

Sept. 16	AT Minnesota
23	MIAMI
30	AT Kansas City
Oct. 7	AT St. Louis
14	SAN DIEGO
22	AT Denver (N)
28	AT Baltimore
Nov. 4	NEW YORK GIANTS
11	PITTSBURGH
18	CLEVELAND
25	AT San Diego
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8	KANSAS CITY
16	DENVER

1972 Scores

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GEORGE BLANDA still is going strong in spite of his 45 years, 24 as a pro.

RAIDERS' VETERAN ROSTER

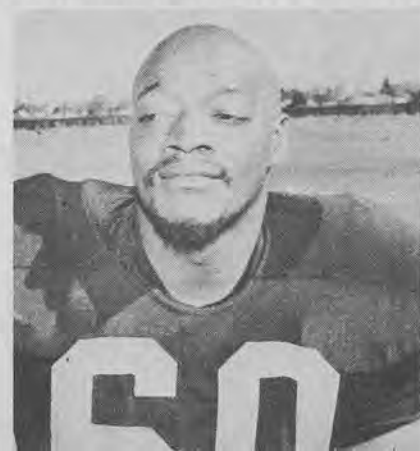
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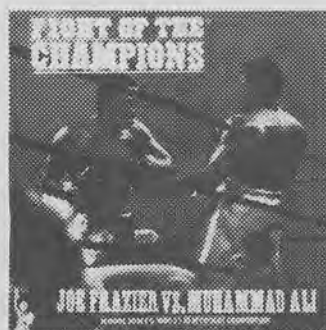


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(Chuvale — Mathis — Quarry) | | 19. NBA HIGHLIGHTS 69 | 29. 71 WORLD SERIES |
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KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

PREDICTION 2ND

All through the winter the Kansas City Chiefs thought about their opening game of the 1972 season. It would be played against the same team they played last in the 1971 season, the Miami Dolphins.

Except for a flubbed field goal by Jan Stenerud, except for Ed Podolak being hauled down after a spectacular kickoff return, except for a couple of other things the Chiefs and not the Dolphins would have been there in New Orleans against Dallas in the '72 Super Bowl.

But the Chiefs had all winter and spring and summer to plot their revenge. It would be a perfect setting, the opening of their new Arrowhead Stadium before a record crowd of 79,829.

The only thing wrong with the setup was that the Chiefs fell flat on their faces. Miami scored a methodical, unspectacular 20-10 victory.

The next week the Chiefs struggled with a poor New Orleans team before surviving, 20-17. Three weeks later Cincinnati beat them. Then, horrors of horrors, they lost to the grubby Philadelphia Eagles, right in Arrowhead again. Then the poorest San Diego team in history beat them, 27-17, again in Arrowhead.

The total collapse they suffered in their must game in Oakland, 3-26, was almost beside the point. The Chiefs had practically forfeited the Western Division title in the American Conference to the Raiders before then.

What it all means is that the Chiefs are in serious trouble. No longer is it assumed that they will be among the powers in the NFL each year. They are an aging, sometimes apathetic team with a lot of doubts about the future.

The Kansas City fulcrum, as usual, is quarterback Lenny Dawson. Lenny the Cool is now Lenny the Wrinkled. He is 38 years old. Quarterbacks mellow and im-

prove with age, but 38 is pressing it a bit.

Besides, the Kansas City offensive line has aged faster than Dawson. Lenny was sacked 29 times last year. When your quarterback is 38, he deserves to be protected more zealously than that.

Behind Dawson is Mike Livingston. Livingston is starting his sixth season and that should be the ideal time to step in as a starter. Livingston has done quite a bit of winning as a pinch-hitter, but there is some doubt, even among his teammates, whether the Chiefs would approach their past winning ways if Livingston were to succeed Dawson.

Hank Stram, the coach, made a strange trade after last season. He gave Los Angeles a fourth draft choice for quarterback Pete Beathard. Now a No. 4 pick is fair trade for any experienced quarterback but Stram once had Beathard and found him wanting. He traded him to Houston in 1967.

There are two views of the rationale for the trade.

The party line from Stram: "There is no way in the world that you can trade for a quarter-

"HANK" STRAM, Coach.

Assistants: Bill Walsh, Darrel "Pete" Brewster, Tom Pratt, Tom Bettis, Tommy O'Boyle, John Beake, Walt Corey.

back with the skill, ability that Beathard has. Beathard, by virtue of that experience, is in a position to help us right now."

The skeptics' view is that the Chiefs think Dawson may be through and Livingston can't handle the No. 1 job so they've panicked.

No matter who plays quarterback, the KC offensive line is a problem that must be solved if the team is to experience its usual measure of success. What used to be a unarguable asset is now a question mark.

Guard Ed Budde is 33, tackle Jim Tyrer 34 and tackle Dave Hill 32. They showed their age last year. Not only did Dawson get punished, but Podolak's 615 yards was the best any Chief runner could do in a season of 1000-yard rushers.

In addition, guard Mo Moorman, who suffered a serious shoulder injury two years ago, did not look like the all-pro he was headed to be before the injury. In one game Cincinnati tackle Mike Reid breezed by him for six individual sacks. Center Jack Rudnay also left himself open from a challenge by Mike Oriard.

LEN DAWSON, at 38, managed 175 completions for 1835 yards and 13 TDs.





MIKE SENSIBAUGH, AFC interceptions leader with eight, is in perfect position to steal aerial against Philadelphia.

If players like Budde, Tyrer and Hill are to be phased out, there is some question as to who shall do the phasing. Stram traded defensive end Aaron Brown to Green Bay for offensive tackle Francis Peay. Peay should be at his career's peak but he hasn't demonstrated enough in seven previous seasons to indicate he can be a first-rate player. Ex Steeler Larry Gagner is on the roster but the bulky guard isn't the same player he was before he got hurt in a serious auto accident three years ago.

Guard George Daney and tackle Sid Smith were No. 1 draft pick when they came out of college but neither has played much for the Chiefs. Maybe they can do it now but the evidence isn't there.

The top draftee this year was a tight end, Gary Butler of Rice. His selection underlines the problem at the position where Willie Frazier is a sometimes thing and Morris Stroud isn't quite the rocket Stram had hoped.

The best bits of news on offense are the return of Elmo Wright from the crippled corps and the acquisition of running back Willie Ellison by trade from the Los Angeles Rams. Wright, a sound wide receiver, helps open things up for the all-pro opposite him, Otis Taylor. Ellison should

complement Podolak and provide some needed speed in the backfield.

Taylor caught 57 balls last year and got into the end zone a half dozen times. That's particularly good when you consider he was a marked man. Wright was missing for most of the season and Frazier was, as usual, in and out. Willie caught five touchdown passes but only eight other passes.

Presumably the acquisition of Ellison means Stram will settle on two starting backs, Willie and Podolak. Wendell Hayes, Jeff Kinney, Jim Otis and Warren McVea, who missed the entire season with injury, provide the depth.

Most kickers would be pleased with Stenerud's 21-for-36 log of field goals, but Jan is capable of much better and the Chiefs' sagging offense need him at his best.

The punting, done by Jerrell Wilson, remains superb. He boomed 66 for a 44.8 average to lead the NFL.

Defensively it's possible the Chiefs will have two changes in the front four.

A quarter of the way through last season Stram signed George Seals, a quality lineman who had played out his option with the Chicago Bears. Seals can play either guard or defensive tackle.

He cost the Chiefs a No. 1 draft choice and Hank wants to get his money's worth in the defensive line this year.

With Brown gone, Stram worked another deal with the New York Jets, sending running back Mike Adamle and a draft choice East for defensive end Gerry Philbin. Philbin then was swapped to Philadelphia for defensive end Ernie Callaway and defensive back Leroy Keyes.

The returnees include Buck Buchanan, who is now 33, and Curley Culp, who has good seasons and mediocre ones. Marvin Upshaw has been a so-so defensive end and Wilbur Wright, the massive end-tackle, still is considered a good prospect. The ranking rookies are end Fred Grambau of Michigan and John Lohmeyer of Emporia State.

The linebacking still remains a Kansas City strength.

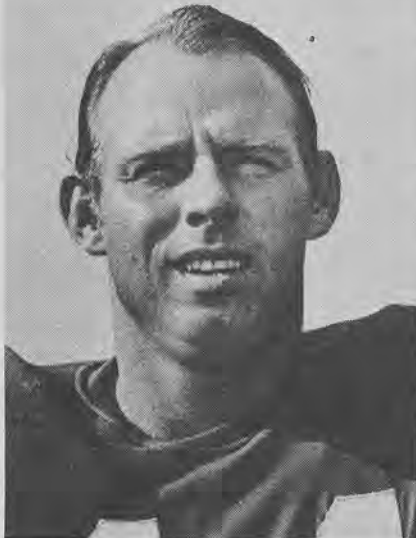
Willie Lanier is just about peerless at middle backer, even in an NFL field which includes Dick Butkus, Tommy Nobis, Nick Buoniconti and Mike Lucci. He is an ideal player around whom to rebuild a defense.

Outside backer Bobby Bell is 33, but any list of the NFL's best must include him. If he's lost much speed or quickness it isn't evident to the backs he runs down or receivers he covers. Jim



OTIS TAYLOR had club-leading 57 catches for 821 yards and six TDs.

JERREL WILSON paced punters with excellent 44.8 average on 66 kicks.



Lynch came into pro football with Lanier and both broke in as starters together. Lynch's progress hasn't been so spectacular but no club in the league would turn down a chance to get him.

The reserves are thin. Clyde Werner has been around for four seasons but hasn't played much. Bob Stein went to LA in the Ellison trade so that erased the most reliable sub. The Chiefs didn't draft a linebacker until the eighth round when they selected Al Palewicz of Miami.

Corner back is another place where there isn't much worry about the front liners. Jim Mar-salis has been a skilled and respected star since he broke in five

seasons ago. Emmitt Thomas also ranks with the more accomplished corners in the game. Nate Allen, a third-year man backs them up.

Jim Kearney had a fantastic accomplishment, returning four intercepted passes for touchdowns during the '72 season. The veteran strong safety returned all four against Denver, two in each game. He doesn't do that sort of thing often, but he is a respected player.

One of the bits of ungluing experienced by the Chiefs resulted from the retirement of free safety Johnny Robinson. Mike Sensibaugh, his replacement, intercepted eight passes to lead the league but his contributions didn't even approach those of Sweet Johnny. That's no knock against Sensibaugh, it's just that Robinson's knack for the big play was developed over a decade. The parts on any pro football team aren't that interchangeable.

Kerry Reardon and Larry Marshall are the sub safeties. Marshall finished second among AFC kickoff returners with a 28.3

1972 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Stenerud, 95 points on 32 XP, 21 field goals	7th
RUSHING —Podolak, 171 carries for 615 yds., 3.6 Avg., 4 TDs	15th
PASSING —Dawson, 175 in 305 attempts for 1835 yds., 13 TDs	7th
RECEIVING —Taylor, 57 receptions for 821 yds., 6 TDs	2nd
INTERCEPTIONS —Sensibaugh, 8 for 65 yds., 8.1 Avg.	1st
PUNTING —Wilson, 66 punts, 44.8 Avg., longest 69 yds.	1st
PUNT RETURNS —Marshall, 18 for 103 yds., 5.7 Avg.	9th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Marshall, 23 for 651 yds., 28.3 Avg.	2nd

Pre-season Games

Aug.	4 NEW ORLEANS (N)
	13 DETROIT (N)
	18 MINNESOTA (N)
	26 GREEN BAY (N)
Sept.	1 AT Dallas (N)
	7 AT St. Louis (N)

1973 SCHEDULE

Sept.	16 LOS ANGELES	—
	23 AT New England	—
	30 OAKLAND	27-14
Oct.	7 DENVER	24-21
	14 AT Green Bay (Mil.)	—
	21 AT Cincinnati	16-23
	29 AT Buffalo (N)	—
Nov.	4 AT San Diego	26-14
	12 CHICAGO (N)	—
	18 HOUSTON	—
	25 AT Denver	45-24
Dec.	2 CLEVELAND	31-7
	8 AT Oakland	3-26
	16 SAN DIEGO	17-27

1972 Scores

average and led the Chiefs in punt returns.

The Chiefs, who saved face with three victories over Denver, Baltimore and Atlanta at the end of last season, won't be taxed by the schedule. Only Green Bay, Cleveland and Cincinnati among their out-of-division opponents are formidable.

CHIEFS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
48	Allen, Nate	CB	5-10	170	25	3	Tex. So.
	Anderson, Max†	RB	5-8	185	28	6	Arizona St.
11	Beathard, Pete	QB	6-1	200	31	9	USC
78	Bell, Bobby	LB	6-4	228	33	11	Minnesota
55	Best, Keith	LB	6-3	220	23	2	Kansas St.
86	Buchanan, Buck	DT	6-7	270	33	11	Grambling
71	Budde, Ed	G	6-5	265	33	11	Mich. St.
	Butler, James	RB	5-10	200	30	9	Ed Waters
9	Carlson, Dean	QB	6-3	210	23	2	Iowa St.
	Callaway, Ernie	DT	6-6	255	25	5	Tex. So.ern
61	Culp, Curley	DT	6-1	265	27	6	Arizona St.
60	Daney, George	DE	6-4	240	26	6	El Paso
16	Dawson, Len	QB	6-0	190	38	17	Purdue
24	Ellison, Willie	RB	6-2	210	27	7	Tex. So.
83	Frazier, Willie	TE	6-4	234	31	10	Ark. AM&N
79	Gagner, Larry	G	6-2	268	29	6	Florida
38	Hayes, Wendell	RB	6-1	220	33	9	Humboldt
73	Hill, Dave	T	6-5	260	32	11	Auburn
21	Homan, Dennis	WR	6-1	181	26	6	Alabama
41	Jankowski, B.	WR	5-11	185	24	3	Ohio St.
46	Kearney, Jim	S	6-2	206	30	9	Pr. View
	Keyes, LeRoy	S	6-3	208	26	5	Purdue
31	Kinny, Jeff	RB	6-2	215	22	2	Nebraska
63	Lanier, Willie	LB	6-1	245	28	7	Morgan St.
10	Livingston, M.	QB	6-4	212	27	6	SMU
51	Lynch, Jim	LB	6-1	235	28	7	Notre Dame
40	Marsalis, Jim	CB	5-11	194	27	5	Tenn. St.
22	Marshall, L.	DB-KR	5-10	195	23	2	Maryland
6	McVea, Warren*	RB	5-9	182	27	5	Houston
76	Moorman, Mo	G	6-5	252	28	6	Tex. A&M
50	Oriard, Mike	C	6-4	223	25	4	Notre Dame
35	Otis, Jim	RB	6-0	220	25	4	Ohio St.
75	Peay, Francis	OT	6-5	250	28	8	Missouri
14	Podolak, Ed	RB	6-1	204	26	5	Iowa
15	Reardon, Kerry	CB	5-11	180	24	3	Iowa
58	Rudnay, Jack	C	6-3	240	25	4	No'western
67	Seals, George	DT	6-3	260	30	10	Missouri
20	Sensibaugh, M.	S	5-11	192	24	3	Ohio St.
70	Smith, Sid	T	6-4	260	25	4	USC
3	Stenerud, Jan	K	6-2	187	30	7	Montana St.
88	Stroud, Morris	TE	6-10	255	27	5	Clark
89	Taylor, Otis	WR	6-3	215	31	9	Pr. View
18	Thomas, Emmitt	CB	6-2	192	30	8	Bishop
77	Tyrer, Jim	T	6-6	280	34	11	Ohio St.
81	Upshaw, Marvin	DE	6-4	260	26	6	Trinity
54	Werner, Clyde	LB	6-4	225	25	4	Washington
26	West, Robert	WR	6-4	218	22	2	S. Diego St.
44	Wilson, Jerrel	P	6-2	222	32	11	So. Miss.
17	Wright, Elmo	WR	6-0	190	24	3	Houston
99	Young, Wilbur	DT	6-6	285	24	3	Wm. Penn

*—Injured, out entire 1972 season
†—Canadian League in 1972

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Baylor, Ray	DT-DE	6-3	253	26	Tex. So. ern
Betts, William	DB	6-1½	192	23	Norfolk
Butler, Gary	TE	6-3	235	22	Rice U.
Dilts, Clinton	RB	5-11	195	22	S. Fran. St.
Fisher, Edwin	OG	6-4	240	24	Ariz. St.
Gessford, Jim	TE	6-3½	227	22	Hastings
Grambau, F.	DE-DT	6-2½	234	23	Michigan
Grooms, Wilbur	LB	6-2½	220	24	Tampa
*Hamilton, A.	WR	6-3	190	24	L.S.U.
Jones, Doug	DB	6-2	202	22	S. Fern. Val.
Klein, Tod	LB-C	6-1	235	25	New Mexico
Konow, Dale	TE	6-3	230	26	West. N. Mex.
Krause, Paul	OT-OG	6-4	245	22	Cent. Mich.
Lang, James	DB	6-3	180	22	Lincoln
Lohmeyer, John	DE	6-4	229	21	Emporia St.
Metallo, Paul	DB	5-10	185	23	Mass.
Osley, Willie	DB	6-0	195	22	Illinois
Palewicz, Al	LB	6-1	215	22	Miami (Fla.)
Ramsey, Tom	DT	6-5	250	23	North Ariz.
Riley, Michael	LB	6-2	215	23	Miami (Fla.)
Rogers, Tom	RB	5-11	205	29	North Ariz.
Sargent, R.	DT-DE	6-4	245	22	Newberry
Schmidt, Albert	RB	6-1½	205	24	Pitts. St.
Simmons, Marv	CB	6-3	190	26	Tex. So. ern
Shipkowski, J.	OT	6-5	225	24	New Mexico
Smith, Robert	K	6-0½	210	22	Drake
Story, Bill	DT-OG	6-3	245	22	So. ern Ill.
Ward, Bruce	OG-OT	6-3½	245	24	S. Diego St.
Washburn, J.	OG	6-3½	250	24	Gard.-Webb
*Washington, T.	LB	6-1	250	24	Miss. Valley
White, Albert	WR	5-10	192	21	Ft. Valley
Williams, C.	OG	6-3	230	24	Fla. A&M
Williams, Mike	DT	6-7	262	24	Oregon

* Drafted 1972; injured and missed entire season.



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PREDICTION 3RD

The Denver Bronco fan is not a greedy fellow. While his counterpart in Baltimore may grumble because there is a slight deviation from constant winning, while his Dallas colleague boils because the Cowboys don't make the Super Bowl every year the Denverite is Job-like.

For him, the 1972 season was a reward for long patience. It renewed his optimism, which was probably unquenchable in the first place.

What the Broncos did in 1972 was win five games. So what's the big deal? The big deal is that it was the team's second-best season since it set up business in 1960. Only the millenium of a 7-7 season, reached in 1963, ever exceeded what the Stallions did last year.

It was good enough to bump them up one place in the Western Division standings in the American Conference. San Diego followers griped because the Chargers finished third for six straight seasons. Guess who provided the cushion below them all that time? The five victories put the Broncos in the Hog Heaven of third place.

What made the season all the sweeter was that the Broncos played much more entertaining offensive football under their new coach, John Ralston, who left Stanford University to take his fling at the pros. Under Ralston the Broncos played interesting football from the start of the exhibition season until the end of the regular season.

In 1971 the Broncos scored only 18 touchdowns. Last year they jumped in to 38 touchdowns with a more varied offense.

The big story, offensively, for Denver was the renaissance of Charley Johnson as starting quarterback. Johnson hadn't played so sharply since his salad days as a St. Louis Cardinal in the early '60s.

Ralston decided he needed a



HAVEN MOSES gave Denver fans vision of a super star with late heroics.

wise and cool head to supervise his relatively young attack unit. After early looks at Don Horn and Steve Ramsey, Ralston crossed his fingers and stuck with Charley.

Not that Johnson's ability is anything to cross fingers over. Charley long has been a respectable pro. But his recent history includes a lengthy log of injuries. He hadn't played a complete season in some time.

Actually Johnson didn't win the starting job until the sixth game. In that one he zapped Oakland for 20 completions in 28 attempts as the Broncos stunned the division champions, 30-23. Johnson totaled 1783 yards for the season in his 132 completions which included 14 for touchdowns. His .555 completion percentage was Denver's best ever. So was his 7.5 yards average per attempt.

Johnson's presence seemed to bring out the best in his offensive line, too. Ramsey set up to pass only 137 times last year and was sacked 26 times. Johnson had 238 attempts but was dumped only 12 times.

All the success sort of moved old Charley.

"I can't wait to get to camp to start another season," he said

after the last one was barely finished. "For the first time since I can remember I won't be coming back from surgery.

"I didn't have a chance to get my legs in shape before last season but this year I was able to do that."

With Johnson throwing the ball well, ball-carrying ace Floyd Little was called upon to tote 50 fewer times. The AFC's top ground gainer in '71 still managed to maintain the same aver-

CHARLEY JOHNSON made remarkable recovery and became Denver star.





FLOYD LITTLE, with Rams on his back strains for more yards after gain. Floyd rushed for 859 yards and nine touchdowns in 216 carries last year.



BOB ANDERSON complemented LITTLE with 319 yards rushing on 72 tries.

age per carry he did the year before, 4.0, on 859 yards in 216 carries.

Significantly Little scored 13 touchdowns, twice his best output as a pro. He was the team's second leading receiver with 28 catches for 366 yards and a 13.1 average with four touchdowns.

Johnson's receivers, like him, were new to the Broncs in '72. Ralston recognized that he had a severe problem in that department when he took over. So he obtained Rod Sherman from Oakland in a cash deal and when young Dwight Harrison, a top draft pick from the year before, became embroiled with teammate Lyle Alzado in a locker-room battle, he traded him to Buffalo for Haven Moses.

Sherman caught 38 passes. That led the club. What's more, Rod is the type of receiver who is becoming more fashionable in the NFL, the clever guy with medium speed who can find the seams in those zone defenses. It helps that he can move the ball once he catches it, too. He averages 17.4 yards per reception.

Moses had the monkey on his back in Buffalo. They said he was going to be a super star when the Bills drafted him. But he arrived in the Bills' darkest days. The team went through a platoon of coaches and a battalion of quarterbacks during his stay there. He became demoralized.

But a funny thing happened in Denver. He caught five touchdown passes in the last three games of the season and now they're say-



LYLE ALZADO, Broncs' fiery defensive end, pursues Vikings' Fran Tarkenton.

ing that he may be a super star yet.

Last year's No. 1 draftee, Riley Odoms, was supposed to walk in and take over the tight end assignment. But his presence stirred his incumbent, Billy Masters to a good season—25 catches and three touchdowns. The best Odoms could do was split the time and catch 21 balls. For depth at wide receiver there is

Jerry Simmons, taxi-squad graduate Jim Kreig and Jack Gehrke, who comes off the injured list.

Little's counterpart last year was versatile Bob Anderson, but there could be a change. The team's No. 1 draftee was Otis Armstrong, leading ball carrier and most valuable player in the big 10 following a fine career with Purdue. Otis may be too good to sit and watch.

The Broncos also have capable veterans Fran Lynch and Joe Dawkins. Lynch averaged 4.8 per carry and Dawkins 4.4.

The offensive line is above average, particularly on the side where the two good youngsters, tackle Marv Montgomery and guard Laron Jackson, play. Bob Maples was a solid acquisition from Pittsburgh. He pushed veteran Larry Kaminski out of the lineup. Tommy Lyons finished as the starter on the other side but the speculation was that either Mike Schnitker or George Goeddeke, both of whom come off the injury list, or rookie Paul Howard of Brigham Young would beat him out. Mike Current is the other starting tackle, backed by ex Steeler Rick Sharp.

Jim Turner re-established himself as one of the game's best field goal kickers with a 20-for-29 performance.

There were three major changes in the Broncos' defensive line last year but they sacked opposing quarterbacks 40 times, just the same. It must be habit.

Paul Smith, the quick tackle, is now the big guy on the line. Young Lyle Alzado was worn around the necks of several quarterbacks. Pete Duranko moved from end to tackle and still was effective. No. 2 draft choice Barney Chavous of South Carolina State is given a fair chance of beating out veteran Lloyd Voss at end.

The Broncos also drafted John Wood of LSU and John Grant of Southern California. Returning from the injured list are Jerry Inman and Walter Barnes, both veterans.

The linebacking could be better. A lot better. Tom Graham broke into the lineup as a rookie middle linebacker, sending Fred Forsberg to the outside where he will battle Don Parish this year, Chip Myrtle is the incumbent on the other side.

The challengers are plentiful. They include Bill McKoy, Bob Geddes, Mike Simone, Ken Criter and rookie Tom Jackson of Louisville.

The big experiment in the secondary sends Bill Thompson from corner to free safety. That leaves Randy Montgomery as Leroy

Mitchell's partner on the corner. Charley Greer again handles strong safety.

Steve Preece is another experienced safety but the most help may come from kids like Charles McTorrey of Tennessee State and



ROD SHERMAN was top Denver receiver (38) and punt returner (10).

1972 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —J. Turner, 97 points on 37 XP, 20 field goals	5th
RUSHING —Little, 216 carries for 859 yds., 4.0 Avg., 9 TDs	8th
PASSING —Johnson, 132 in 238 attempts for 1783 yds., 14 TDs	3rd
RECEIVING —Sherman, 38 receptions for 661 yds., 3 TDs	15th
INTERCEPTIONS —Mitchell, 3 for 27 yds., 9.0 Avg.	35th
PUNTING —Van Heusen, 60 punts, 40.1 Avg., longest 60 yds.	8th
PUNT RETURNS —Sherman, 10 for 89 yds., 8.9 Avg.	15th
KICKOFF RETURNS —R. Montgomery, 29 for 756 yds., 94-yard TD	3rd

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Lyle Blackwood of TCU.

To move up the ladder the Broncos must overtake the aging Kansas City Chiefs. Unless Charley Johnson has another season like he did last year, there is little chance of that.

BRONCOS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
11	Anderson, Bob	RB	6-0	208	26	4	Colorado
77	Alzado, Lyle	DE	6-3	265	24	3	Yankton
73	Barnes, Walt	DE	6-2	250	29	7	Nebraska
66	Cottrell, Bill	G	6-3	255	29	6	Del. Valley
53	Criter, Ken	LB	5-11	223	26	5	Wisconsin
74	Current, Mike	T	6-4	274	28	7	Ohio St.
33	Dawkins, Joe	RB	6-2	223	25	4	Wisconsin
76	Domres, Tom	DT	6-3	260	27	6	Wisconsin
55	Duranko, Pete	DE	6-2	250	29	6	Notre Dame
16	Ernst, Mike	QB	6-1	190	22	2	Fullerton
52	Forsberg, Fred	MLB	6-1	235	29	5	Washington
57	Geddes, Bob	LB	6-2	240	27	2	UCLA
67	Goeddeke, Geo.	G-C	6-3	253	28	7	Notre Dame
83	Graham, Tom	LB	6-2	235	23	2	Oregon
20	Greer, Charles	S	6-0	205	27	6	Colorado
47	Harris, Tony	WR	6-3	195	24	3	Toledo
	Hill, Ike	WR	5-11	182	26	3	Catawba
87	Hoffman, John	DE	6-7	260	30	5	Hawaii
62	Inman, Jerry	DT	6-2	256	33	7	Oregon
68	Jackson, Laron	G	6-3	270	24	3	Missouri
12	Johnson, Chas.	QB	6-1	200	34	13	N. Mex. St.
59	Kaminski, Larry	C	6-2	245	28	8	Purdue
86	Krieg, Jim	WR	5-9	172	24	2	Washington
44	Little, Floyd	RB	5-10	196	31	7	Syracuse
22	Lynch, Fran	RB	6-1	205	27	7	Hofstra
61	Lyons, Tommy	G	6-2	230	25	3	Georgia
50	Maples, Bobby	C	6-3	250	30	9	Baylor
	Masowski, Matt	WR	6-2	210	24	2	S. Diego St.
81	Masters, Billy	TE	6-5	240	29	7	L.S.U.
58	McKoy, Bill	LB	6-3	235	25	4	Purdue
41	Mitchell, Leroy	CB	6-1	190	29	6	Tex. So'ern
78	Montgomery, M.	T	6-6	255	25	3	So. Calif.
21	Montgomery, R.	CB	5-11	182	26	4	Weber St.
25	Moses, Haven	WR	6-2	208	27	5	S. Diego St.
54	Myrtle, Chip	LB	6-2	225	28	7	Maryland
88	Odums, Riley	TE	6-4	230	23	2	Houston
56	Parish, Don	LB	6-1	220	25	4	Stanford
28	Pete, Dennis	DB	6-3	186	24	2	S. Fran St.
23	Preece, Steve	S	6-1	195	25	5	Oregon St.
10	Ramsey, Steve	QB	6-2	210	25	4	No. Tex. St.
64	Schnitker, Mike	G	6-3	245	26	5	Colorado
75	Sharp, Rick	T	6-3	265	25	4	Washington
84	Sherman, Rod	WR	6-0	190	28	7	So. Calif.
80	Simmons, Jerry	WR	6-0	190	30	9	B.-Cookman
51	Simone, Mike	LB	6-0	210	23	2	Stanford
70	Smith, Paul	DT	6-3	256	28	6	New Mexico
36	Thompson, Bill	S	6-1	201	26	5	Mid. St.
15	Turner, Jim	K	6-2	205	32	10	Utah St.
42	Van Heusen, B.	WR-P	6-1	200	27	6	Maryland
65	Voss, Lloyd	DE-DT	6-4	255	31	10	Nebraska
29	West, Bill	CB	5-10	185	25	2	Tenn. St.
	Winfrey, Carl	LB	6-0	230	24	3	Wisconsin

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Armstrong, Otis	RB	5-10½	196	23	Purdue
Askea, Mike	OT	6-4	260	22	Stanford
Bailey, Glen	S	6-0	190	25	Colorado
Baker, Jeff	WR	5-10	177	26	Int'lional
Banaugh, Bob	S	6-1	205	23	Montana St.
Biggs, Bob	QB	6-0½	184	22	Cal-Davis
Blackwood, Lyle	DB	6-0	189	22	Tex. Christ.
Brown, Elton	DT	6-1½	255	22	Utah St.
Chavous, Barn	DE	6-3½	252	22	S. C. St.
Cotton, Fest	DT	6-2	255	24	Dayton
Dodson, Rich	LB	6-2	230	24	Arizona
Edwards, Larry	LB	6-3	230	25	Texas A&I
Follett, George	DT	6-4½	245	25	So. Calif.
Frazier, Mar.	WR-S	6-0	182	22	Cheyney
Grant, John	DE	6-3½	235	23	So. Calif.
Hamley, Jim	LB	6-1½	231	24	Seton Hall
Hanenberg, Bill	DB	6-0	188	22	Duke
Harvey, Al	S	6-0	181	24	Memphis St.
Hinton, Charles	DB	5-10	190	22	So. Calif.
Howard, Paul	G	6-3½	260	23	Penn. St.
Hufnagel, J.	QB	6-1	194	22	Penn. St.
Jackson, Tom	LB	5-11½	220	22	Colo. St.
Johanningmeier	DE	6-4	245	25	Louisville
Jones, Calvin	DB	5-17	169	22	Colo. St.
Marshall, Al	WR	6-2	186	22	Washington
McConnell, M.	LB	6-1	217	23	Boise St.
McTorrey, C.	DE	5-11½	196	23	Oregon
Morgan, Ken	TE	6-4	224	22	Tenn. St.
Muhlbeier, Ken	C	6-1½	235	22	Elon C.
Murski, Bob	DB	6-1	185	22	Idaho
Myers, Chris	WR	6-2	185	24	Tex. A&M
O'Malley, Jim	LB	6-1	229	22	Kenyon
Oesterling, T. J.	DT	6-4	250	25	Notre Dame
Patton, Eric	LB	6-2½	240	23	UCLA
Phillips, Bill	G	6-2	243	24	Notre Dame
Ross, Oliver	RB	6-0	210	24	Ark. St.
Smith, Bon.	DE-DT	6-3	245	24	Ala. A&M
Smith, Ed	DE	6-5	233	23	L.A. St.
Sullivan, Bill	RB	5-11	195	22	Colo. College
White, Ed	RB	6-0	225	22	Bishop
Wood, John	DT	6-3	249	22	Tulsa
					LSU

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SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

PREDICTION 4TH

The San Diego Chargers found themselves in a rut. For six years, 1966-71, they had languished in third place in the Western Division of the American Conference, peering up to watch Oakland and Kansas City fight it out for the championship.

Gene Klein, the movie-business mogul who is president of the club, is not accustomed to finishing third. In anything. So Harland Svare, in his first full year as Charger coach, was given a mandate.

The mandate was to get the team out of the third-place rut.

Did they get out! Right into last place, the most dismal finish in the team's 13-year history. The 4-9-1 won-lost-tied record also was an all-time low.

The team's chances of spinning its wheels into a last-place rut have to be considered strong. Svare tried to prescribe to George Allen's theory of "future is now." The Swede discovered that it is a fragile and selective philosophy. In San Diego it looked more like "The Future is Kaput."

One of the problems with the Chargers is that they are stage struck. They have elected to fill their roster with a lot of glamorous names. Maybe it stems from Klein's background as a film producer. But he should know that Loretta Young couldn't be cast in "Cabaret" or Greer Garson in "Last Tango in Paris."

To get them out of their 4-9-1 mess, the Chargers went to the Hall of Fame, figuratively speaking. Their quarterback is the greatest of all time, Johnny Unitas. Whether Unitas is good enough to start for a team with upward ambitions in 1973 is a matter for argument, however.

What happened was that the Chargers reached the point of no return with John Hadl, their starting quarterback for a decade. Hadl was an ultra-successful passer in the NFL, but the San Diego offensive philosophy under

Svare and his new offensive coordinator, Bob Schnelker, had shifted drastically.

From a big-play team which relied heavily on the killing pass maneuvers San Diego became ultra-conservative attackers, emphasizing the run and ball control. Hadl found himself in conflict with the thinking of his coaches. The impasse was settled by trading him to Los Angeles for an all-pro defensive end, Coy Bacon, and a promising young runner, Bob Thomas.

So the Chargers found themselves in need of a quarterback. Desperately in need, in fact. They had peddled Hadl's heir-apparent, Marty Domres, to Bal-

HARLAND SVARE, Coach.

Assistants: George Dickson, Walt Yowarsky, Bob Schnelker, Rick Redman, Ron Waller, Willie Wood, Forrest Gregg.

timore the year before. Wayne Clark, who had sketchy college experience and even sketchier pro seasoning, was all that was left after Hadl was dealt.

Svare and Klein think they found their man in 40-year-old Unitas.

Maybe, but the Colts decided they could rebuild better with Domres, the man whom San Diego found expendable, at quarterback. And Unitas still felt strongly that the way to move the ball with the Colts was to emphasize the run not the pass. His receivers in San Diego are far more skilled than the ones he had in Baltimore the last few years.

So selling a conservative of-

GARY GARRISON vet Charger leaps high for one of his 52 catches in 1972.



fense to Unitas may turn out to be more difficult than selling it to Hadl. That would be the final irony.

The numbers say that Svare's decision to stay on the ground was fairly sound. The Chargers have thoroughbreds in their offensive line. Behind them Mike Garrett gained 1031 yards, more than he ever gained before. Cid Edwards, picked up from St. Louis in the best of Svare's numerous trades, was even more offensive, gaining 679 on the ground, catching 40 passes and blocking like a madman. He was named the team's most valuable player.

Now there is Bob Thomas to back up the two starting backs. If the moon is right and the stars tilted in a favorable direction there may even be two Thomases to help with the ball-carrying chores. The other one's name is Duane, that talented but troubled fellow from Dallas.

Duane represents another of Svare's moves which could not be considered brilliant. The Cowboys tired of the sound of Thomas' silence and they found buyers in San Diego. The price was high, wide receiver Billy Parks and running back Mike Montgomery, a pair of extremely promising young studs.

Alas, the moon wasn't right and the stars weren't tilted favorably. Duane made a couple of practices and even dressed for a game, although he didn't watch it, but he never played a down for San Diego.

He may think about it this year.

But Unitas will be more enthused about those receivers than he is about the runners.

Even in a season when the pass was semi-verboten, the spectacular Gary Garrison still managed to catch 52 balls and score seven touchdowns. There is another long-ball catcher, Dave Williams, plus clever Chuck Dicus and coming off the injury list is Jerry LeVias, who was a whiz in the exhibitions last summer until tearing up his knee.

And guess what the run-oriented Chargers picked first in the draft? A wide receiver, Johnny Rodgers, the Nebraska Heisman



MIKE GARRETT, a 1000-yard rusher last season, cuts through Oakland line.

Trophy winner. But Rodgers signed with Montreal of the Canadian Football League.

Unitas will find an old battery mate, John Mackey, on the tight end roster, Pettis Norman, the ex Cowboys, may do most of the playing again since the brass feels his blocking does more for the running game.

That good line includes stars like guard Walt Sweeney and tackles Russ Washington and Terry Owens. Ex Oiler Doug Wilkerson has earned a niche at guard and Carl Mauck, an ex Dolphin, is a satisfactory center. The experienced subs include tackle Ernie Wright, guard Ralph Wenzel, center Sam Gruneisen and guard-tackle Ira Gordon.

Dennis Partee beat off the challenge of rookie Bill McClard to keep the field-goal chores with a 15-for-26 performance. Partee's forte is dependability. He doesn't miss the gimmes. In two years he hasn't flubbed a field goal from 30 on in. He also punts and last year averaged 40.3

The big drive, offensively, will be to cut down on the turnovers.

San Diego made 48 of them last year, 28 on interceptions. There's an argument over whether most of the stolen passes were Hadl's fault or possibly the fault of the offensive designers.

Some of Svare's heaviest trading concerned the defensive line. He got Deacon Jones from Los Angeles, Lionel Aldridge from Green Bay and Dave Costa from Denver. Aldridge and Jones were the ends and Costa lined up with Ron East, one of the league's underrated players, at tackle. The new guys accounted for a respectable 26 sacks and only four AFC clubs had a better record against the rush. But Jones is 34, Aldridge is 32 and Costa 31.

The acquisition of Bacon upgrades the line even further. Svare decided to move Coy inside to tackle. If the tinkering doesn't take Swede leaves himself open to more second guessing since Bacon accounted for 30 sacks in the last two years as an end.

For more depth there is Kevin Hardy, Cal Snowden and Greg Wojcik.



LEN DUNLAP, Chargers' punt return leader with 19 for 179 yards in '72.

BOB HOWARD, veteran cornerback, is trying for comeback from injuries.



provement at the corners with Len Dunlap, the ex Colt, getting a full training camp and Bob Howard recuperated from injuries. Ray Jones backs them up.

Chris Fletcher comes back from the injury list to battle Joe Beauchamp for his free safety assignment. Bryant Salter is the strong safety. Ron Smith was acquired from Philadelphia.

The draft was another illustration of how things went for Svare last year. The Chargers had a first-round pick coming from Baltimore for Domres. The Colts had two, their own and Washington's. Svare was offered his choice before the '72 season. He selected Washington's, figuring it would be the lower one.

The Colts, who kept their own, won five games and drafted early. The Redskins were in the Super Bowl and their pick was second last.

Besides Rodgers the Chargers drafted Oregon quarterback Dan Fouts, Tennessee State tight end Jim Thaxton, Temple linebacker Bill Singletary (a guard in col-

The linebacking is nowhere near the quality of the line. It doesn't help either that all three starters—Bob Babich, Tim Rossovich and Rick Redman—suffered through injuries last year.

Rossovich cost the Chargers a No. 1 draft pick when they got him from Philadelphia. Tim is a headhunter but his range is nothing special. Babich was an embryo super star as a rookie but then tore up a knee and hasn't played up to his early standards. Redman is a hustler who has physical limitations but a lot of smarts. He also serves as a coach.

The coaches still aren't sure what to do with Pete Lazetich, last year's top draftee. He was a down lineman at Stanford but was switched to linebacker by the Chargers. He still has interesting possibilities, but where? Pete Barnes was a regular before last year while Ray White and Mel Rogers play mostly on special teams.

There is a possibility for im-

lege), Alcorn A&M wide receiver Willie McGee, linebackers Jon Knoble of Weber State and Tab Bennett of Illinois as well as Marv Roberts, a center-guard-linebacker-place kicker from Michigan State.

Svare also toured Europe, looking for a place kicker. He returned with Austrian soccer player Gunter Enz.

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Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Washington	11	3	0	.786
Dallas	10	4	0	.714
N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	.571
St. Louis	4	9	1	.321
Philadelphia	2	11	1	.179

*Fourth qualifier for Playoffs

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Green Bay	10	4	0	.714
Detroit	8	5	1	.607
Minnesota	7	7	0	.500
Chicago	4	9	1	.321

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
San Francisco	8	5	1	.607
Atlanta	7	7	0	.500
Los Angeles	6	7	1	.464
New Orleans	2	11	1	.179

Playoff

Washington	0	10	0	6-16
Green Bay	0	3	0	0-3
Dallas	3	10	0	17-30
San Francisco	7	14	7	0-28

NFL



By Bob Oates

Los Angeles Times veteran pro grid expert Bob Oates is keen analyst of title races.

DALLAS' TALENTED SQUAD TO TOP CONFERENCE AND VISIT SUPER BOWL VIII

PREDICTIONS

Eastern Division

1. Dallas
2. Washington
3. New York
4. Philadelphia
5. St. Louis

Central Division

1. Green Bay
2. Minnesota
3. Detroit
4. Chicago

Western Division

1. San Francisco
2. Atlanta
3. Los Angeles
4. New Orleans

In 53 strenuous years, the National Football League finally produced a team last year that could win all 17 games, the Miami Dolphins. But that only raises another question. Can Miami do it again?

The answer, of course, is simple: Of course not.

Don Shula, the Dolphins' head coach, is in one respect the most unusual coach this sport has developed. He is a leader with a singular knack for winning little games, for beating the teams he should beat.

This is not to say he doesn't win his share of big games, too. The rap against him on this account that persisted until January 14, 1973, was unfair. But the definitive thing about him is not that he wins his share of big games—all great coaches do—but that he almost never loses little games.

In his Baltimore years this was a pronounced Shula characteristic that had a massive influence on George Allen, among others. It was because Shula won so often that Allen, in self defense, began articulating a philosophy with an inordinate stress on winning them all. Playing in the same division with Baltimore, he had to.

Shula had made an interesting discovery in his Baltimore coach-

ing career, namely that the key to winning a long pennant race is simply to win each game you deserve to win. That puts the pressure on your competitors, he reasoned; and under pressure they may crack.

This kind of philosophy requires a close attention to detail plus the ability to make your players bear down on the weakest links in the schedule. It's hard to do, and Shula doesn't do it invariably; he doesn't always beat New England. But he keeps trying, and when he found himself last year with a schedule of mostly weak links—after the first couple of weeks—the situation was made to order for a unique winning streak.

Most great coaches with Shula's schedule and personnel would have won most of those games. Probably no other coach, however, in the history of football has been so distinctively, peculiarly, prepared to win them all.

In other words, it isn't quite true that Miami was lucky last year to win 14 straight for the first time in one football season. The luck of the Dolphins came after the season. In the Cleveland game they were paired with the weakest of the eight playoff teams, one with an immature if promising quarterback. In the Pittsburgh game, their opponents

lost their quarterback for two and one-half quarters.

In the Super Bowl, where the Dolphins had been clobbered 12 months earlier as a first-time caller in that kind of pressure, they met and routed another team trapped for the first time, unbelievably, in the Super Bowl vortex.

So everything broke right for Shula's tigers last year. They are not the super team 17-0 might suggest. But they are a very good team, one of the four or five best in professional football; and the interest of 1973 is in what the Dolphins will do for an encore.

It can be assumed, first, that they will win most of their little games again, although, this time, they don't have so many of them. Second, they'll probably make the playoffs again. But the guess here is that Miami will be eliminated somewhere along the line in the playoffs, most likely by Pittsburgh.

The four AFC representatives with the best chance to participate in the Super Bowl tournament would seem to be Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Oakland and Miami.

The other conference might enter Dallas, Washington, Green Bay and San Francisco.

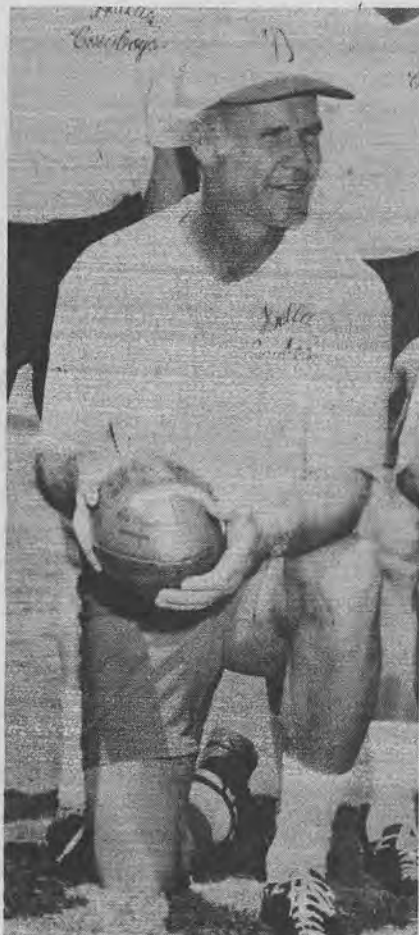
The Super Bowl might present the Dallas-Washington winner, probably Dallas, against the Pittsburgh-Miami winner, probably Pittsburgh.

And because Dallas has been there before, Dallas figures in the Super Bowl over Pittsburgh.

The reasoning on Pittsburgh over Miami is that the Steelers are hungrier.

The reasoning on Dallas is

National Conference



TOM LANDRY has led Cowboys into playoffs last seven years—NFL record.



RON SELLERS, now with Miami, catches 10-yard aerial from RON STAUBACH for winning touchdown in Dallas' 30-28 victory over 49ers in NFC playoff.

more complicated. To begin with, the Cowboys have apparently recruited the most talented 47-man squad in the league. They seem to me to be the most talented.

Second, the Cowboys, who played in and lost Super Bowl V and played in and won VI, eliminated themselves from VII by letting down last season. It was a natural letdown. If the Steelers look hungrier than the Dolphins this year, the Redskins looked (and proved) hungrier than the Cowboys last year.

"Hungry" is not a very apt or precise word—it is more of a cliché, unfortunately, in the sports sense—but if you've read this far you know what I mean. Dallas in any case learned a lesson last

year that can only be learned by going through the misery personally.

The most difficult National Conference division to read this season is the Central, which has three teams that could win it, Green Bay, Minnesota and Detroit. None is a complete team in the sense that Miami, Dallas, Washington, Pittsburgh and San Francisco have everything.

Green Bay is still raising a quarterback. Detroit, with possibly the best offense in football, doesn't defend as well as champions should. Minnesota doesn't run as well.

The Packers are chosen because they seem so solid everywhere but at quarterback, a posi-

tion that may be a shade less important now. Hunch players, nonetheless, could do a lot worse than either Minnesota or Detroit. The Vikings could easily shake themselves awake. The Lions, with their leadership overhauled, could prove better than they've seemed.

In the West, Atlanta, with 10 or 12 games of good quarterbacking, could supplant San Francisco. The 49ers are merely the team to beat. The Rams, having sunk to third last fall for the first time since George Allen turned them around, may like it there.

New York could be a factor in the East. But if Dallas gets 17 games out of Roger Staubach this year, it's Dallas' year.

DALLAS COWBOYS

PREDICTION 1ST

The Dallas Cowboys are probably the best team in football. Their offensive and defensive platoons are manned by more players of talent than any rival commands. Indeed their 47-man squad is almost certainly the finest ever recruited in the history of the sport.

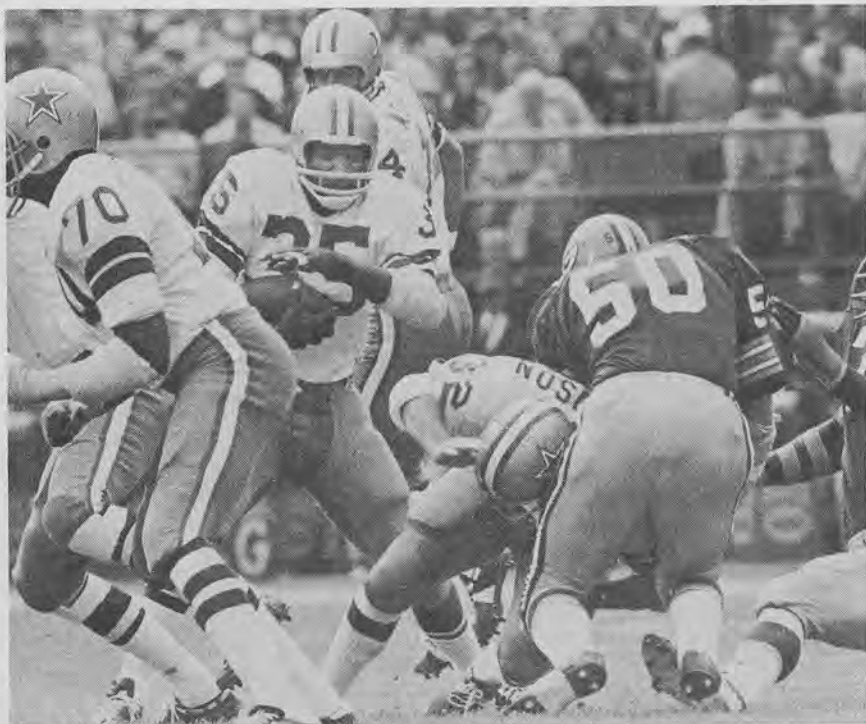
Some Dallas positions are, of course, filled by more gifted athletes than other positions. And some departments have a bit more depth than others. But there isn't anything close to a weakness in any Dallas position. Nor is there anything close to insufficient depth in any department.

Their coaching is most aptly described by the word solid. Tom Landry is the right coach for this wealth of talent. He handles it the way management wants it handled. On a scale of 1 to 100, you might give the Cowboys a 95 for personnel and an 80 for coaching. If there are no other 95s in this league, there aren't many 80s running NFL teams.

But there is a third factor in football that can't be capsuled in one word though it is as important as personnel and coaching. For explication purposes this factor can be called morale—and this is the Achilles heel of the Cowboys. To be sure, it is the Achilles heel of all football teams; sooner or later it beats everybody. But in the case of the Cowboys, the point is it's the only thing that can beat them.

They have the personnel and leadership to win all their games but not the attitude or the morale or the spirit or the determination—or whatever term best defines this particular factor.

On the scale of 1 to 100, the Cowboys approached 90 in morale in the last half of 1971, when they charged to their only Super Bowl championship. But last year they fell off to 60 or 70. They lacked what Landry thinks



CALVIN HILL, former Yale star, paced Cowboys in rushing with 1036 yards and six TDs and in pass receiving with 43 catches for 364 yards and 3 TDs.

of as the "winning edge"—his synonym for morale.

"Coming off the Super Bowl year," he says, "we simply didn't seem to have the winning edge."

That tells it. The competition is so vigorous in pro football that few players can maintain their winning edge—their Super Bowl spirit or morale—long enough to win two years in a row.

The question the Cowboys will be addressing themselves to this season is whether they can sufficiently discipline themselves mentally to win two years out of three.

They have the best players in the nation. They are capable of winning two out of three. But it takes more than well-coached talent to get there.

As of this moment in time, the Cowboys stand as a triumph of management—as a symbol of what a smart, determined football executive can accomplish in this era of pervasive competition. The executive is Texas E.

TOM LANDRY, Coach.
Assistants: Ermal Allen, Ernie Stautner, Jim Myers, Jerry Tubbs, Ed Hughes, Mike Ditka, Alvin Roy, Gene Stallings.



BOB LILLY (74), the perennial All-Pro defensive tackle, and LEE ROY JORDAN anchor Dallas' defensive group.

Schramm, president and general manager of the Cowboys.

Schramm, who built the franchise from scratch in the 1960s, started from a point far in arrears of such famous old franchises as the Chicago Bears, Los Angeles Rams, Detroit Lions and New York Giants. By his seventh season, 1966, he had caught them—and in his last seven seasons he has obliterated them.

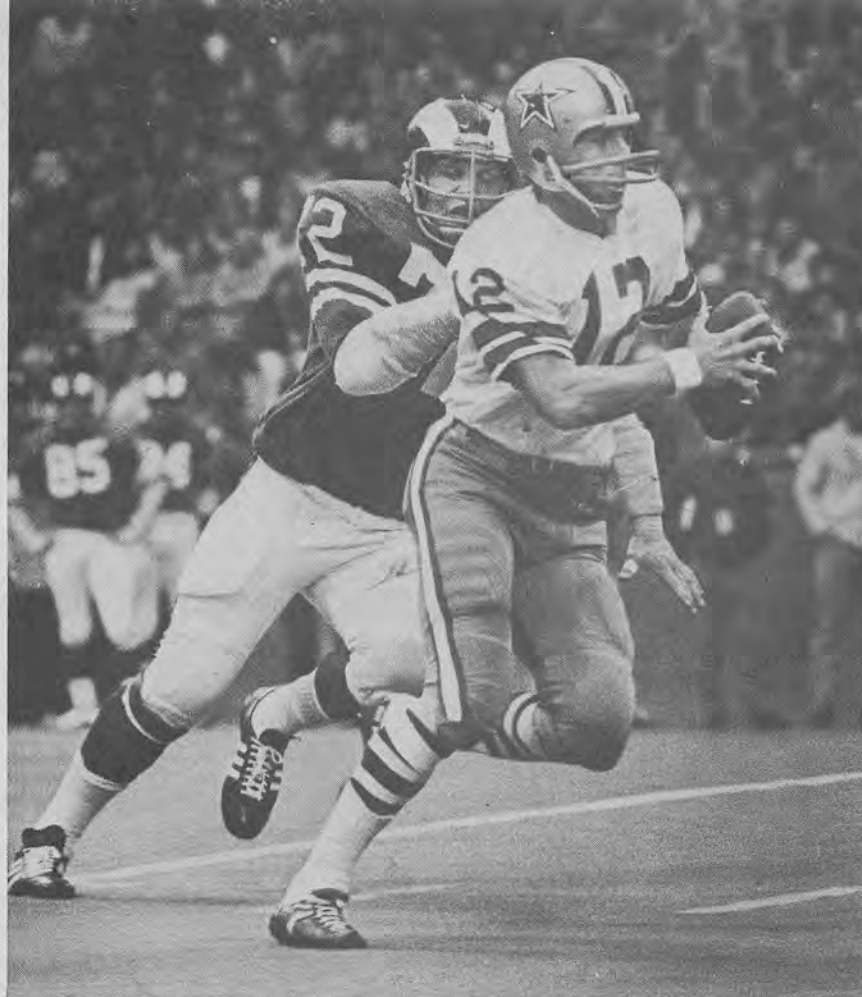
The Cowboys have made the playoffs consecutively in each of these last seven years—setting an all-time NFL record. And they have compiled the NFL's most successful winning record (73-23-2) during the seven seasons starting in 1966.

It is a fact that some of the time they were winning almost by default. Not until the Washington Redskins changed coaches in 1971 did Schramm have much competition in the East after putting together his powerhouse. Even so, his accomplishment is unique. Everybody else in the East had more chance than he did when he started.

The aspect of the Cowboys that best describes them—and describes Schramm's approach—is the competition at quarterback. In football's most important position, the Cowboys have not one but two winners. Although this is also true of most other Dallas positions, it is at quarterback that Schramm's philosophy becomes transparent. The Dallas president, competing in a business in which his top hands can all be killed overnight, protects himself as best he can by recruiting 30 or 40 All-Pros (if not 47) for 22 positions.

In fact, many of the teams he will be beating this year would be much better off if they could get their hands on his third-stringers—those ranking 37 to 47 in ability on the Dallas squad.

The power and glory of the Cowboys starts with their first-string general, Roger Staubach. It can be taken for granted that Staubach will be at quarterback this season if he has his health because he is as close to an ideal as you can get at this position in an era when the demand is for running quarterbacks who are also good passers, good mechan-



ROGER STAUBACH, who led Cowboys to their first Super Bowl triumph in '71 but was injured virtually all of '72 slips away from Los Angeles' PHIL OLSEN.

CRAIG MORTON, getting great protection against Cardinals, directed team during Staubach's absence and was largely responsible for Dallas' 10-4 mark.



ics and inspirational leaders.

At 31 Staubach, curiously, is deficient in but one area, experience. This will be only his fifth pro season. Nor did he play a hell of a lot of his first four. Unquestionably Staubach will be bothered some at first this year by the carryover effects of his inactivity last year, which he largely spent in hospitals and recuperating on the bench. But if the Cowboys remember to play him often

enough in the pre-season, they can get him ready by late September or October. Quite possibly they will have to be reminded from time to time that Staubach desperately needs a lot of work early. The situation is deceptive because they can beat most teams without him.

Craig Morton proved this last year when he led Dallas to 10-4 and into the playoffs as usual. Morton at 30 has played eight

years in this league. Lacking a bit of Staubach's brilliance, Morton nonetheless is steady and polished, a better quarterback than most of those in pro ball.

It is a characteristic of President Schramm's approach to his work that when pro football tilted slightly to ball control from basketball on cleats, Dallas was ready to run. The Cowboys are equipped with everything from a 1000-yard runner, smooth Calvin Hill, to an extraordinary competitor, Walt Garrison, to a strong bench. Mike Montgomery is a willing all-around type, and Bill Thomas and Bob Newhouse can run.

Receiving is the most enigmatic Dallas department. It is doubtless true that many other NFL teams have superior receiving. Yet by two tests this is not a weak department in Dallas. First, in a ball control league, the Cowboys easily have enough receiving speed and talent to threaten the pass. Second, they have so much depth that somebody will make good, if only to submerge the competition. The depth includes Bob Hayes, No. 2 rookie Golden Richards at split end; Lance Alworth and fast rookie John Smith at flanker, Otto Stowe at both spots, and Billy Truax, Jean Fugett and No. 1 rookie Billy Joe DuPree at tight end.

The offensive line probably is Dallas' strongest department. Speaking of his two guards, John Niland and Blaine Nye, Landry sums up with an understatement: "I don't know of a better pair." Of his All-Pro tackle, Rayfield Wright, Landry says: "He would have to rate with anyone." If the Cowboys are slightly unhappy with the other two in their line, tackle Ralph Neely and center Dave Manders, it is only by comparison with Wright, Niland and Nye. And characteristically they have brought in tough competition for Neely (Rodney Wallace) and Manders (John Fitzgerald). Most teams would be content with a Manders and particularly a Neely.

The new star in the defensive line is Jethro Pugh. Landry: "Jethro has matured into one of the top tackles in the game and pretty much held our line togeth-



CORNELL GREEN, safety, zeroes in on San Diego runner MIKE GARRETT (20).

TONI FRITSCH, with DAN REEVES holding, sets to kick one of his 36 PATs.



WALT GARRISON, an off-season rodeo performer, bulldogs for big yardage.



er last season." Bob Lilly, 34, was hurt last year but Landry says: "I think our tackle position is solid with Lilly and Pugh. I expect Bob back in top condition."

At the ends, "Larry Cole is a real consistent performer" and "Pat Toomay has shown his ability to rush the passer but must continue to improve against the run."

The all but imperceptible breaks in the usually flawless cohesion of the defensive Cowboys last year were caused by the replacement of George Andrie and Herb Adderley by Toomay at end and Charlie Waters at cornerback. Andrie's back knocked him out.

Toomay, 25, is another typical young Dallas jewel. What he needs is polishing, and while he was getting it last year the Cowboys creaked and rattled a bit.

Waters also had to be polished at cornerback but came faster than Toomay. Landry: "Waters has the ability to bounce back, an important ingredient in the makeup of a cornerback." The other Dallas corner, All-Pro Mel Renfro, was somewhat under the weather last year with a persistent foot injury.

Landry on the remainder of his deep four: "Cliff Harris (free safety) is a great hitter and tremendous ball hawk. Cornell

CHARLIE WATERS "has the ability to bounce back," says Coach LANDRY.



Green is solid at strong safety. Mark Washington (corner depth) is now ready to compete. Benny Barnes (safety depth) is fundamentally sound. He has good foot action."

At linebacker, if Chuck Howley remains in retirement, the Cowboys are still assured of the smallest animals in captivity. D. D. Lewis, 6-1, 225, fits right in with Lee Roy Jordan, 6-1, 221, and Dave Edwards, 6-1, 225. Howley was the giant in this crew at 6-2 and 225. There is a depth problem in terms of experience if Howley sits down. If he plays, Lewis can be classed as the league's super-sub-backer.

Landry wants better kicking both from Toni Fritsch, his place-kicker, who was 11 for 11 inside the 30 but inconsistent at long range, and Marv Bateman, the strong 6-4 punter who was also a little wild.

Summing up Landry says: "The Cowboys are basically the same team that won the Super two years ago. I still feel we possess the talent." Right.

1972 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Fritsch, 99 points on 36 XP, 21 field goals	3rd
RUSHING —Hill, 245 carries for 1036 yds., 4.2 Avg., 6 TDs	3rd
PASSING —Morton, 185 in 339 attempts for 2396 yds., 15 TDs	7th
RECEIVING —Hill, 43 receptions for 364 yds., 3 TDs	10th
INTERCEPTIONS —Waters, 6 for 132 yds., 22.0 Avg., 1 TD	4th
PUNTING —Bateman, 51 punts, 38.2 Avg., longest 61 yds.	13th
PUNT RETURNS —Harris, 19 for 78 yds., 4.1 Avg.	11th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Harris, 26 for 615 yds., 23.7 Avg.	13th

Pre-season Games

Aug. 3	AT Los Angeles (N)
11	AT Oakland (N)
18	NEW ORLEANS (N)
23	AT Houston (N)
Sept. 1	KANSAS CITY (N)
6	MIAMI (N)

1973 SCHEDULE

		1972 Scores
Sept. 16	AT Chicago	—
24	NEW ORLEANS (N)	—
30	ST. LOUIS	33-24
Oct. 8	AT Washington (N)	20-24
14	AT Los Angeles	—
21	N.Y. GIANTS	3-23
28	AT Philadelphia	28-7
Nov. 4	CINCINNATI	—
11	AT N.Y. Giants	23-14
18	PHILADELPHIA	28-6
22	MIAMI	—
Dec. 2	AT Denver	—
9	WASHINGTON	34-24
16	AT St. Louis	27-6



JOHN NILAND displays form that makes him one of NFL's finest guards.

COWBOYS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
19	Alworth, Lance	WR	6-0	180	33	12	Arkansas
66	Andrie, George	DE	6-6	250	33	12	Marquette
53	Babinecz, John	LB	6-1	222	23	2	Villanova
31	Barnes, Benny	CB	6-1	190	21	2	Stanford
81	Bateman, Marv	P-K	6-4	213	23	2	Utah
63	Cole, Larry	DE	6-4	250	27	6	Hawaii
86	Coleman, Ralph	LB	6-4	216	23	2	N. C. A&T
18	Cannon, Jack	QB	6-3	200	29	10	Boston Col.
52	Edwards, Dave	LB	6-1	225	33	11	Auburn
62	Fitzgerald, John	C	6-5	250	25	3	Boston Col.
15	Fritsch, Toni	K	5-7	185	28	3	None
84	Fugett, Jean	TE	6-3	219	21	2	Amherst
32	Garrison, Walt	RB	6-0	205	29	8	Okl. St.
34	Green, Cornell	S	6-3	208	33	12	Utah St.
77	Gregory, Bill	DT	6-5	255	23	3	Wisconsin
43	Harris, Cliff	S	6-0	184	24	4	Quachita
22	Hayes, Bob	WR	5-11	185	30	9	Fla. A&M
35	Hill, Calvin	RB	6-4	227	26	5	Yale
55	Jordan, Lee Roy	LB	6-1	221	32	11	Alabama
57	Keller, Mike	LB	6-4	221	21	2	Michigan
50	Lewis, D. D.	LB	6-1	225	27	5	Miss. St.
74	Lilly, Bob	DT	6-5	260	34	13	Tex. Christ.
51	Manders, Dave	C	6-2	250	32	9	Mich. St.
23	Montgomery, M.	RB	6-2	210	24	3	Kansas St.
14	Morton, Craig	QB	6-4	214	30	9	California
73	Neely, Ralph	T	6-6	265	29	9	Oklahoma
44	Newhouse, Bob	RB	5-10	202	23	2	Houston
76	Niland, John	G	6-3	245	29	8	Iowa
61	Nye, Blaine	G	6-4	251	27	6	Stanford
75	Pugh, Jethro	DT	6-6	260	29	9	Elliz. City
20	Renfro, Mel	CB	6-0	190	31	10	Oregon
12	Staubach, Roger	QB	6-3	197	31	5	Navy
	Stowe, Otto	WR	6-2	188	24	3	Iowa St.
72	Talbert, Don	T	6-5	255	32	10	Texas
27	Thomas, Bill	RB	6-2	225	22	2	Boston Col.
67	Toomay, Pat	DE	6-5	247	25	4	Vanderbilt
87	Truax, Billy	TE	6-5	240	30	10	LSU
71	Wallace, Rod	G	6-5	255	24	3	N. Mexico
46	Washington, M.	CB	5-10	188	25	4	Morgan St.
41	Waters, Charlie	S	6-1	193	24	4	Clemson
70	Wright, Rayfield	T	6-6	255	28	7	Ft. Valley

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Arneson, Jim	G	6-3	236	22	Arizona
Baisly, Walt	LB	6-2	222	24	Grambling
Barnes, Rodrigo	LB	6-1	215	23	Rice
Caswell, Gerald	G	6-4	250	23	Colo. St.
Conley, John	TE	6-2	228	23	Hawaii
DuPree, Billy Joe	TE	6-4	225	23	Mich. St.
Johnson, Carl	LB	6-1	225	23	Tennessee
Leyen, Bob	G	6-4	256	22	Yale
Martin, H. B.	DT	6-5	262	23	E. Tex. St.
Richards, G.	WR	6-0	172	23	Hawaii
Scrivener, Drane	DB	6-0	176	22	Tulsa
Smith, John	WR	6-1	187	23	UCLA
Strayhorn, Les	RB	5-10	205	22	E. Carolina
Thornton, Bob	G-C	6-3	234	22	N. Carolina
Walton, Bruce	T	6-6	251	22	UCLA
Werner, Dan	QB	6-4	195	23	Mich. St.
White, Mike	CB	6-0	196	23	Minnesota

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

PREDICTION 2ND

The Washington Redskins are a triumph of organizational genius on the part of one man, George Allen. This is far from the best team in football, or even in its conference, or even in its division. But it thinks it is. And as Shakespeare said, this is what counts.

In their first two years under Allen, that is, the Redskins were driven by a winning attitude. There are no guarantees they will have it this year. One of his old Los Angeles players, Bob Klein, unconsciously made the definitive comment on Allen one day when he said: "It is possible to believe in the man for 10 or 11 weeks when he keeps telling you: 'This is the toughest team in the league.' But after awhile, you get tired of hearing the same old thing."

Klein tired indeed. When he and the other tired Rams quit believing in Allen, they quit winning. They're a team of losers who were struggling before he arrived and who have been struggling since he left.

The same thing could happen in Washington, where the Redskins in the last two years have united all elements of that torn-up community except the press. The press concentrates on Allen's faults, of which he has many, but none serious.

So winning is a precarious thing in Washington. Redskin talent is good but not great—certainly not in the same class with that of the Dallas Cowboys—and the environment provides a constantly disruptive note. In Los Angeles, Allen's own front office kept him from winning big, and eventually his players placed self-survival ahead of team survival and jumped ship, which promptly went down and has yet to resurface. In Washington, there are other adverse influences.

The measure of the 1973 Redskins will be taken by the play-

ers who are in position to accept or reject Allen's theories, including his eccentricities. He is not an easy coach to play for because he concentrates on simple things that in time make good men scream of weariness, mental and physical. It's more fun to look at an X-rated movie once in a while than football movies seven days a week.

Allen demands too much for the average player to take. He is a coach for determined players. And it has been proved for seven years that he can win consistently, almost every week, with determined, dedicated players—with those who either agree with him or conquer their doubts and go along with him 110 per cent. This is the only problem on Allen's team this year—or any year.

It can be taken for granted that Dallas will knock Washington out of the division championship; but the Redskins can make the playoffs again by matching their 1971-72 effort.

The Redskins have learned how to win. All they have to do now is remember.

The Washington offense under Ted Marchibroda is modern in concept and thoroughgoing in execution—meaning the Redskins run the ball well. They will run it well in 1973 no doubt, barring injuries, and regardless of who is at quarterback.

Bill Kilmer has done more in two years at Washington than most of the quarterbacks he plays against. As Allen says: "All Billy has done is take us to the playoff game with the most Redskin wins (9) in 29 years his first year—and into the Super Bowl his second year, with the most Redskin wins (11) in the 36-year history of the Redskins."

In the aftermath of the Super Bowl, Kilmer has taken much of the blame. He had an off day there as Miami won, 14-7, but Kilmer didn't blow it. The explanation for Super Bowl VII was largely psychological.

GEORGE ALLEN, Coach.

Assistants: Ted Marchibroda, Bill Austin, Dick Bielski, Jack Pardee, Paul Lanham, LaVern Torgeson, Charlie Waler, Ralph Hawkins.



CHARLEY TAYLOR grabs pass, adding to career total of 469 for 6658 yards.

It was like Super Bowl VI which was like V and most of the others in that it was won by the team with the most Super Bowl experience. Miami, the winner, had been slaughtered by Dallas in Super Bowl VI, 24-3—after getting there by brilliantly routing Baltimore in the AFC title game, 21-0.

Washington was slaughtered by Miami by a margin much worse than the official one-touchdown result—after getting to the Super Bowl by brilliantly beating up on Dallas in the NFC title game, 26-3.

In both years, the Super Bowl loser had played the big game of its season two weeks earlier, then flattened out.

It is not fair to blame Bob Griese for losing game VI, despite his problems there—or Kilmer for VII. A quarterback's "off day" can have many causes. In routing Dallas last winter for the NFC title, Redskin blockers held their blocks a bit longer than necessary and Redskin receivers

hustled through their patterns on time or a little ahead. As a result, Kilmer looked good throwing the ball. Against Miami, Redskin blockers looked bad, Redskins receivers looked inconsistent and the quarterback fit right in. But with capable support he's a winning quarterback.

And so, presumably, is Sonny Jurgensen, though Sonny has been injured both seasons under Allen. If healthy at 39, he will prove again that he is one of the NFL's finest.

In a running league the Redskins menace defenses with a small halfback, 195-pound Larry Brown, and a tough fullback, Charley Harraway. They call Brown's number more often than they should, but he seems to thrive on his average of 19 carries in 52 NFL games. Last year Brown won the NFC rushing championship with 1216 yards. He was clearly the All-Pro at his position.

In four years Larry has gained over 4000 yards. Only two others, Jim Brown and Cookie Gilchrist, have exceeded 4000 in their first four professional seasons. The total for Jim is 5055, for Cookie 4010 and for Larry 4177.

Harraway joined Larry in the Redskin backfield in the first game of 1969, Larry's rookie season. Last year Harraway was

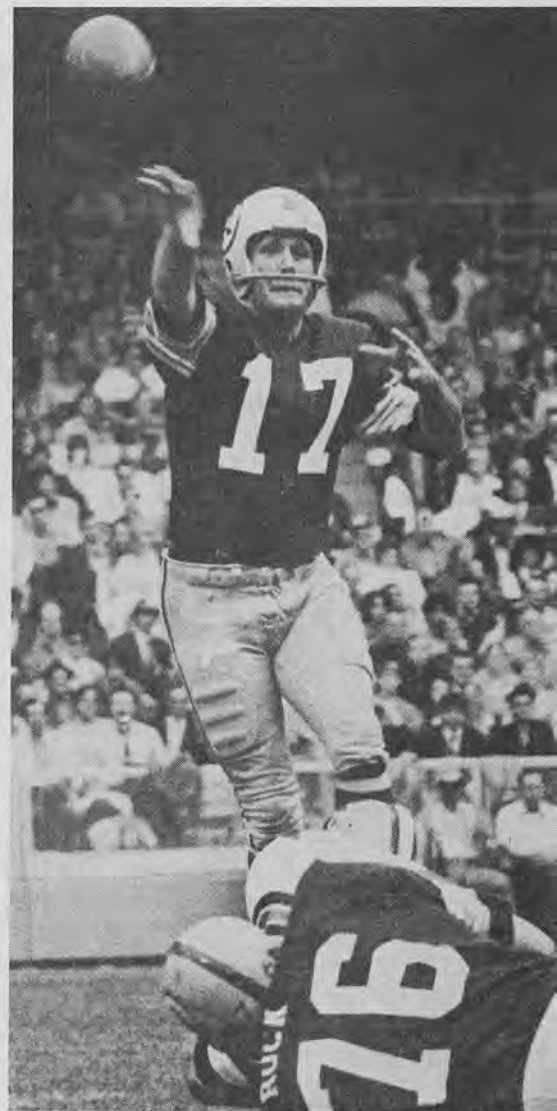
in the NFC's ground-gaining top 15. He is also in the NFC's top 15 lifetime among those now active.

Receiving is another powerful department in Washington, where the first-stringers (Charley Taylor, Ron Jefferson and tight end Jerry Smith) are a candidate for first in the league as a group of three. Each has led the NFL and NFC in receiving.

Allen's trade for Jefferson made the Washington pass offense, providing two exceptional targets outside to complement Smith inside.

The Redskin offensive line, an asset during both seasons of the Allen administration, gets another shot this year with the import of Bill Austin as line coach. Formerly head coach of the Redskins, Austin ranks as one of football's fine teachers. He inherits a group that kept Washington's quarterbacks in business last fall, when Kilmer was sacked only nine times and Jurgensen only twice. (New York, with 10, led the NFC.)

The Redskins surround All-Pro center Len Hauss with Paul Laaveg and John Wilbur at guard and Terry Hermeling and Walt Rock at tackle. Laaveg won Ray Schoenke's job last year. Hermeling stepped in when Jim Snowden was injured. At 31, Snowden will also fight back.



BILLY KILMER has put together his two best seasons for the Redskins.

COACH GEORGE ALLEN, Washington's master psychologist and strategist, conducts pre-game meeting with defensive unit.



As his first project in Washington early in 1971, Allen rebuilt the defensive line, bringing in three outstanding performers, ends Ron McDole and Verlon Biggs and tackle Diron Talbert. After two big seasons they're still in charge, working with alternating young Redskins at the other tackle, Manuel Sistrunk and Bill Brundige.

This group perpetrated 36 sacks in 1971, 35 in 1972.

The new star of Washington's corps of linebackers is Chris Hanburger, 32, who finally got some of the recognition last year that he had earned so often in other seasons. Other Washington linebackers include Myron Pottios, Harold McLinton and Russell Tillman, all Allen-type football players.

In the secondary the Redskins combine four professionals, cornerbacks Mike Bass and Pat Fischer and safetymen Brig Owens and Roosevelt Taylor, plus Ken Houston.

Top kicking game contributors for Washington include Tillman, Bob Brunet, Jon Jaqua and Bill Malinchak. The Redskins blocked nine kicks in 1972—five punts by Malinchak (2), Jaqua (2) and McLinton and four field goals by Ted Vactor (2), Biggs and McDole.

Curt Knight had some problems as a field goal kicker until the playoffs, when he was 7 for 7 (3 against the Packers, 4 against the Cowboys). He misfired in the Super Bowl along with the rest of the squad.

CHRIS HANBURGER is ringleader of Redskins' skilled linebacking unit.



This will be Mike Bragg's sixth season as the Redskin punter.

Washington is a team with three superstars (Taylor, Jefferson and Larry Brown) and balanced strengths in most departments. Its long suit under Allen has been consistency. The Red-



LARRY BROWN, one of game's greatest runners, was league's MVP for 1972.

1972 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Knight, 82 points on 40 XP, 14 field goals	9th
RUSHING —Brown, 285 carries for 1216 yds., 4.3 Avg., 8 TDs	1st
PASSING —Kilmer, 120 in 225 attempts for 1648 yds., 19 TDS	4th
RECEIVING —C. Taylor, 49 receptions for 673 yds., 7 TDs	4th
INTERCEPTIONS —Hanburger, 4 for 98 yds., 24.5 Avg., 1 TD	8th
PUNTING —Bragg, 59 punts, 38.5 Avg., longest 62 yds.	12th
PUNT RETURNS —Vactor, 17 for 88 yds., 5.2 Avg.	10th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Duncan, 15 for 364 yds., 24.3 Avg.	9th

Pre-season Games

Aug. 3	DETROIT (N)
10	AT Denver (N)
17	AT Buffalo (N)
25	BALTIMORE (N)
Sept. 2	AT New England (N)
9	CHICAGO (N)

1973 SCHEDULE

		1972 Scores
Sept. 16	SAN DIEGO	—
23	AT St. Louis	33-3
30	AT Philadelphia	23-7
Oct. 8	DALLAS (N)	24-20
14	AT N.Y. Giants	23-16
21	ST. LOUIS	24-10
28	AT New Orleans	—
Nov. 5	AT Pittsburgh (N)	—
11	SAN FRANCISCO	—
18	BALTIMORE	—
22	AT Detroit	—
Dec. 2	N.Y. GIANTS	27-13
9	AT Dallas	24-34
16	PHILADELPHIA	14-0

skins usually win the games they should win and they usually win on the road. In his seven years as a pro coach Allen has averaged 10-3-1. He's the winningest coach in the NFC. But like everyone else in his conference he has one big problem: Dallas.

REDSKINS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
	Andrews, Al	LB	6-3	225	28	3	N. Mex. St.
41	Bass, Mike	CB	6-0	190	28	6	Michigan
89	Biggs, Verlon	DE	6-4	275	30	9	Jackson St.
4	Bragg, Mike	P	5-11	186	26	6	Richmond
43	Brown, Larry	RB	2-11	195	26	5	Kansas St.
77	Brundige, Bill	DT	6-5	270	24	4	Colorado
26	Brunet, Bob	RB	6-1	205	27	5	La. Tech
58	Burman, George	C-G	6-3	255	30	8	No. western
45	Duncan, Leslie	S	5-10	180	31	10	Jackson St.
37	Fischer, Pat	CB	5-9	170	33	13	Nebraska
55	Hanburger, Chris	LB	6-2	218	32	9	No. Carolina
31	Haraway, C.	RB	6-2	215	28	8	S. Jose St.
56	Haus, Len	C	6-2	235	31	10	Georgia
75	Hermeling, Terry	T	6-5	255	26	4	Nevada (R)
25	Houston, Ken	S	6-3	200	28	7	Pr. View
25	Hull, Mike	RB	6-3	220	27	5	So. Calif.
48	Jaqua, Jon	S	6-0	190	25	4	L. & Clark
80	Jefferson, Roy	WR	6-2	195	29	9	Utah
63	Johnson, Mitch	T	6-4	250	31	8	UCLA
82	Jones, Jimmie	DE	6-5	215	26	5	Wichita St.
9	Jurgensen, S.	QB	6-0	203	39	17	Duke
17	Kilmer, Billy	QB	6-0	204	33	12	UCLA
50	Kiner, Steve	LB	6-1	220	26	4	Tennessee
5	Knight, Curt	K	6-2	190	30	5	Coast Guard
73	Laaveg, Paul	G	6-4	245	24	4	Iowa
20	Mason, Tommy	RB	6-1	195	34	13	Tulane
	McBath, Mike	DE	6-4	251	27	6	Penn St.
79	McDole, Ron	DE	6-4	265	33	13	Nebraska
53	McLinton, Harold	LB	6-2	235	26	5	Southern
	Miller, Fred	DT	6-3	250	32	11	LSU
28	Mul-Key, Herb	RB	6-0	190	23	2	None
40	Nock, George	RB	5-10	205	27	5	Morgan St.
	Nunamaker, Jul.	DT	6-3	258	27	4	Martin
23	Owens, Brig	S	5-11	190	30	8	Cincinnati
	Pergine, John	LB	6-1	225	27	5	Notre Dame
16	Pettibon, Richie	S	6-3	208	35	15	Tulane
66	Pottios, Myron	LB	6-2	232	34	13	Notre Dame
66	Robinson, Dave	LB	6-3	245	32	9	Penn St.
76	Rock, Walter	T	6-5	255	31	11	Maryland
62	Schoenke, Ray	G	6-4	250	32	10	SMU
64	Sistrunk, Manuel	DT	6-5	265	26	4	Ark. AM&N
	Smith, Donnell	DE	6-4	245	24	2	Southern
	Smith, Jack	CB	6-2	205	25	2	Troy St.
87	Smith, Jerry	TE	6-3	208	30	9	Arizona St.
	Spills, John	WR	6-3	205	25	4	No. Illinois
72	Talbert, Diron	DT	6-5	255	29	7	Texas
49	Taliaferro, Mike	QB	6-2	202	31	10	Illinois
42	Taylor, Charley	WR	6-3	210	31	10	Arizona St.
22	Taylor, Roosevelt	S	5-11	186	35	13	Grambling
67	Tillman, Russell	LB	6-2	230	27	4	No. Arizona
29	Vactor, Ted	CB	6-0	185	29	5	Nebraska
60	Wilbur, John	G	6-3	251	30	8	Stanford
	Williams, Chas.	WR	6-3	210	25	2	Pr. View
	Williams, C.	CB	6-2	194	29	9	Wash.
18	Wyche, Sam	QB	6-4	218	28	6	Furman
	Zeno, Coleman	WR	6-4	210	26	2	Grambling

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Belic, Lewis	LB	5-11	219	21	Virginia
Beverly, David	P	6-2	180	22	Auburn
Boekholder, S.	DE	6-5	250	23	Drake
Brown, Charles	WR	6-3	201	24	No. Arizona
Caldwell, Tyrone	G	6-3	225	26	S. C. State
Cantrell, Charles	G	6-4	240	22	Lamar
Carrell, Duane	K	5-10	177	23	Florida St.
Coleman, L.	LB	6-2	225	28	Nebraska
Coleman, M.	DE	6-6	275	24	Knoxville
Cousin, Bruce	T	6-4	255	24	Nebraska
Davis, Jeff	RB	5-11	180	22	Mars Hill
Drescher, Dick	TE	6-4	242	27	Maryland
Grant, Frank	WR	5-11	181	23	S. Colorado
Hancock, Mike	TE	6-4	220	23	Idaho St.
Haugen, Odd	LB	6-3	230	23	West Md.
Hicks, Art	DB	6-0	180	25	Aust. Peay
Hicks, John	DB	6-2	198	22	East. Mich.
Hunter, William	DB	6-1	180	22	Cincinnati
Irons, Mikel	C	6-4	233	22	Angelo St.
Jackson, D.	LB	6-2	240	21	Lincoln
Johnson, Dennis	DT	6-4	260	21	Delaware
Johnson, Tom	C	6-1	243	22	Tennessee
Leonard, Lonnie	T	6-5	237	24	N. C. A&T
Livesay, James	WR	6-3	203	24	Richmond
Milic, Chuck	G	6-2	253	21	Waynesburg
Minor, Lincoln	RB	6-2	211	23	N. Mex. St.
Risha, Patrick	DT	6-3	245	22	Slip. Rock
Ryzek, Dan	C	6-3	249	24	Virginia
Sheats, Eddie	LB	6-2	215	22	Kansas
Starke, George	T	6-5	249	24	Columbia
Stevenson, Larry	RB	5-10	195	25	Minnesota
Stone, Ken	DB	6-1	179	22	Vanderbilt
Svarc, Ron	K	6-2	210	26	Riverside
Webster, Ernie	G	6-4	244	21	Pittsburgh
Williams, James	RB	6-0	213	23	Cameron St.
Wills, Larry	DB	5-11	171	24	El Paso

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NEW YORK GIANTS

PREDICTION 3RD

The New York Giants were the surprise team of the Eastern Division last year; and on paper they have more power, offensive and defensive, than most of their 1973 opponents. A number of things have blended to make the Giants respectable and to suggest they can continue in last year's groove and improve on last year's record.

Of the ingredients in the Giant turnabout, the first was a new conservative philosophy. They are stressing ball control more than in recent years in New York. Second, Quarterback Norm Snead has fitted snugly into the new Giant offense. Two years ago, Snead didn't hit it off with the conservative Minnesotans—but maybe he needed to try it first.

In any case, the Giant environment last year agreed with him. He became the NFL's top-rated passer, which may not mean too much but does indicate that Snead had a fine year, perhaps the finest of his life.

He was helped immensely by the fact that he could call on strong running support, something he lacked in Minnesota and had lacked, as a matter of fact, for most of his professional life. The Ron Johnson-Charlie Evans backfield in New York is one of football's most effective.

Johnson, 25, 6-1, 205, is in everybody's top half dozen active ballcarriers and is probably one of the three most valuable in his conference along with John Brockington and Larry Brown. Over the years Johnson has logged some injury time and for this reason (plus his absence of heft) the Giants should never run him on 298 plays in one season, as they did last fall. That's more than 20 runs a game, much too much. But he survived it with his class unimpaired and returns as the superstar you have to have to win in the NFL.

New York's fullback, Evans,

also has had injury trouble. But when well the backfield is one of the three principal reasons for the resurgence of the Giants—along with Snead and conservative new offensive notions.

A fourth reason why the Giants should be a pennant factor is that they have a large nucleus of productive athletes—one of the largest in pro football. They have more receivers than most teams (Bob Tucker, Bob Grim, Don Herrmann, Rich Houston, Tom Gatewood), two quarterbacks (Snead and Randy Johnson), that fine backfield (Johnson-Evans) and an offensive line which not only kept Snead upright last year but paved the way for the Giants to become the NFC's No. 1 offensive club statistically.

There are at least eight excellent candidates for the front four, including Jack Gregory and the sophomore tackles, John Mendenhall and Larry Jacobson, plus Henry Reed, Dave Tipton, Jim Kanicki and two rookies, Nebraska's Rich Glover and Ohio State's George Hasenohrl. Those who watched Glover and Hasenohrl in college will be surprised if they don't make the Giant roster. For depth, the Giants might lead the NFL in defensive linemen.

There is class at linebacker with Jim Files and potential class with rookie Brad Van Pelt from Michigan State.

And the secondary boasts Carl Lockhart, Otto Brown and Willie Williams, among others.

The Cowboys have more talent than this, so do the 49ers, and so do one or two others—but not many. Wellington Mara has been quietly piling up some nuggets back there.

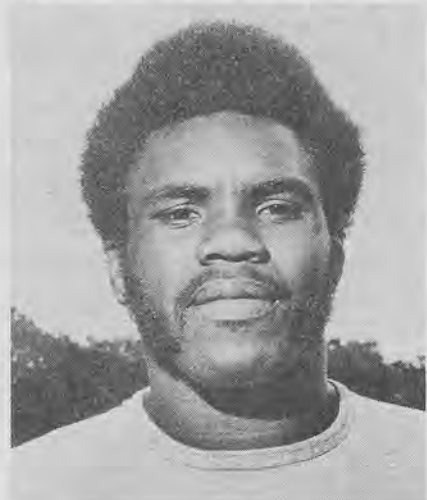
A fifth reason for the renaissance of the Giants is their coaches, including a popular leader, Alex Webster. This is one of the NFL's few squads with a four-man defensive staff. It is directed by Jim Garrett, who is among the most enthusiastic of

ALEX WEBSTER, Coach.

Assistants: Emlen Tunnell, Joe Walton, Jim Katcavage, Ray Wietecha, Jim Garrett, Matt Hazeltine.



CHARLIE EVANS and RON JOHNSON (below) give Giants effective backfield duo. The durable Johnson does most of the ballcarrying and Evans opens the way with his crisp blocks.





NORM SNEAD, after years of trying, finally is a top-flight quarterback.

pro football's defensive coaches. Emlen Tunnell lends strength as defensive backfield coach. The linebacker coach, Matt Hazeltine, brings in some West Coast blood. Defensive line coach Jim Katcavage helps Tunnell keep Giant continuity.

The same caliber is on the offensive side, where the line coach, Ray Wietecha, took over last year and helped turn New York around. His people preserved their quarterbacks so carefully they were sacked only 10 times, the league-leading figure.

The Giants' most serious problem is the one they've faced for three seasons. Dallas and Washington, the NFC's top two teams, are in their conference.

But Webster can't do anything about that now and as he starts his fifth year as a head coach his record is 27-29. (In the five pre-Webster years the Giants were 24-43-3.)

Webster's season-by-season record in New York is more curious than consistent. In order, he has finished 6-8, 9-5, 4-10, and 8-6—following a bad year with a good one and defying his critics

to make anything of it. Normally a rebuilding team shows more or less consistent progress—and maybe the Giants have, despite their record.

The major gains last fall were the acquisition of Snead, the return of Ron Johnson to all his health and the development of two rookie tackles in the defensive line, Jacobson and Mendenhall. This is a lot to happen to one team in one year.

Snead set an all-time club record for marksmanship, completing 63 per cent of his passes. To be sure he only threw 325 times—which over a 14-game schedule averaged out to hardly more pass plays for Snead than there were running plays for Johnson. When you consider that the Giants trailed half their opponents and played catchup repeatedly, they weren't throwing much at all last year when the game was on the line. Even so, 63 per cent is respectable, and it was nice watching Snead make some hay in the glamor department after all these years, so many of them bad years for his teams.

At 34, Snead is back this summer for his 13th semester as a pro. The other Giant quarterback, Randy Johnson, an eight-year veteran, is 29—and, like Snead, Johnson has spent much

of his career being kicked around. If they're partially getting even with the fates now, that's good.

A peek at the schedule provides a tip that life could be more harsh for the Giants this time around. In addition to four games against Dallas and Washington, the Giants have drawn such powerhouses as Green Bay, Minnesota and Oakland—plus Cleveland and Los Angeles. That's 11 rough afternoons ahead. So maybe the Giants can't bring home a title this year—but they'll hurt some of those who do.

In his preliminary 1973 three-deep Webster lists the following as starters: Don Herrman and Rich Houston, wide receivers; Bob Tucker, tight end; Greg Larson, center; Willie Young and Joe Taffoni, tackles; Dick Enderle and Doug Van Horn, guards.

Defense: Henry Reed and Jack Gregory, ends; John Mendenhall and Larry Jacobson, tackles; Jim Files back at middle linebacker; John Douglas and Pat Hughes, linebackers; Pete Athas and Willie Williams, corners, and Richmond Flowers and Carl Lockhart, safeties.

Ron Hornsby, who played middle linebacker last year, is listed as the depth outside. Files

WILLIE WILLIAMS is important cog in New York's defensive secondary.



BRAD VAN PELT rejected lucrative baseball offer to sign with Giants.





RICHMOND FLOWERS also starred as hurdler at University of Tennessee.

played the middle before Hornsby came up.

New York's special teams joined the rest of the ball club in coming through last season. Pete Gogolak kicked 21 of 31 field goals (after a 1971 performance of 6 in 17) and Tom Blanchard improved to 42.7 as a punter despite a couple of blocks. New York's kick runners are Rocky Thompson (kickoffs) and Athas, Grim and Thompson (punts).

All four secondary starters last year (Flowers, Athas, Lockhart and Williams) intercepted four passes as the Giants improved drastically in turnovers. New York passers had been intercepted 25 times in 1971 when the Giants fumbled 22 times (against 15 and 20 for the combined opposition). This is a turnover score of minus 12. In 1972 the Giants threw only 15 interceptions and lost 14 fumbles. Their opponents threw 23 and lost 15. This is a turnover figure of plus 9—or an improvement of 21 in one year. A 1973 question about the Giants is whether they can keep making that kind of progress.

But the main questions there as usual are centered in the quarterback position and in the defense. Snead will need to parlay a reasonable facsimile of last season to install the Giants as a

contender—and the defense will have to hang tight in close games. Neither of these conditions will be easily met against the schedule ahead.

The other Giant question mark is another familiar one: health. This is a club that isn't deep in running backs behind Johnson, Evans and Vin Clements. And Evans has one of the most unusual medical records in the league.

He has broken his left leg seven times playing football. The first six were fractures in the fibula. Last fall, halfway through the schedule, Charlie broke the tibia in his left leg.

He had surgery twice in the aftermath of that. First, Dr. Anthony Pisani, the Giants' orthopedic surgeon, repaired the break. Several weeks later, Pisani and Dr. Rudy Bobo, team physician, performed a special kind of surgery designed to increase the circulation in Evans' leg and raise the level of calcium.

Evans was in a cast over Christmas and for nearly three

months altogether, until mid-February, when he exchanged the cast for a brace. He expects to be fully ready for the season. But seven breaks in one leg and eight operations are not conducive to a perfect state of mind.

The Giants will go into the 1973 season minus two other warhorses, Bobby Duhon and Joe Morrison, who have retired.

Morrison was an uncommon football player, a versatile guy who could play every position in the lineup, including quarterback, and often did.

Football teams don't replace Morrisons. They get along without them as best they can but they are not soon forgotten. If you had to play against him, Morrison was always tough to take. That will be his epitaph.

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26	Cole, Linzy	WR	5-11	170	25	4	T.C.U.
24	Crist, Chuck	S	6-2	205	22	2	Penn St.
51	Douglas, John	LB	6-2	228	28	4	Missouri
65	Ellison, Mark	G	6-2	250	24	2	Dayton
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PASSING —Snead, 196 in 325 attempts for 2307 yds., 17 TDs	1st
RECEIVING —Tucker, 55 for 764 yds., 4 TDs	2nd
INTERCEPTIONS —Lockhart, 4 for 56 yds., 14.0 Avg., 29-yard TD	13th
PUNTING —Blanchard, 47 punts, 42.7 Avg., longest 58 yds.	4th
PUNT RETURNS —Athas, 8 for 95 yds. 11.9 Avg.	19th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Thompson, 29 for 821 yds., 92-yard TD	4th

Pre-season Games

Aug.	4 AT San Diego (N)
	12 AT New England (N)
	19 N.Y. Jets at New Haven, Conn.
	26 PITTSBURGH
Sept.	1 Philadelphia at Princeton, N.J.
	8 Cleveland at Akron, O. (N)

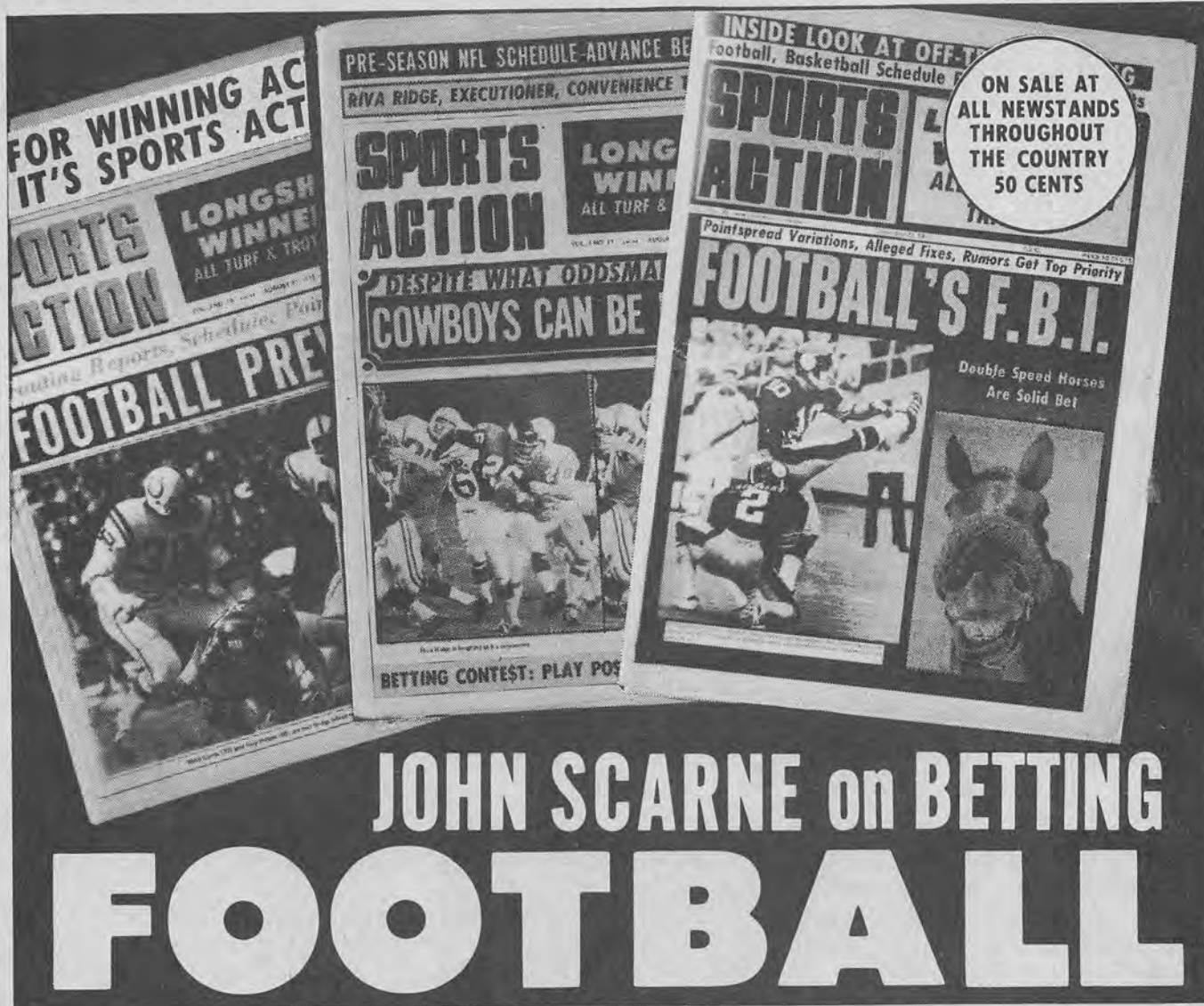
1973 SCHEDULE

Sept.	16 HOUSTON	—
	23 PHILADELPHIA	62-10
	30 AT Cleveland	—
Oct.	7 GREEN BAY	—
	14 WASHINGTON	16-23
	21 AT Dallas	23-3
	28 AT St. Louis	13-7
Nov.	4 AT Oakland	—
	11 DALLAS	14-23
	18 ST. LOUIS	27-21
	25 AT Philadelphia	27-12
Dec.	2 AT Washington	13-27
	10 AT Los Angeles	—
	16 MINNESOTA	—

1972 Scores

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Billizon, John	DE	6-4	255	26	Grambling
Brantley, Wade	DT	6-3	260	22	Troy St.
Buetow, Bart	T	6-5	250	23	Minnesota
Davis, Clifton	RB	6-2	210	22	Alcorn A&M
Freeman, Rod	TE	6-7	225	22	Vanderbilt
Gastienica, Leo	QB	6-3	215	22	Rutgers
Glover, Rich	DT	6-1	240	22	Nebraska
Hasenohrl, Geo.	DT	6-1	260	21	Ohio State
Kelly, Brian	LB	6-3	222	22	Cal. Luth.
Love, Walter	DB	5-9	180	22	Westminster
Lumpkin, Ron	DB	6-2	205	22	Ariz. St.
Nitka, Ben	K	5-10	215	26	Colorado Col.
Paine, Ty	RB	6-2	215	22	Wash. St.
Richardson, Ed	RB	6-4	240	23	Southern U.
Schaukwilch, C.	G	6-2	230	21	Penn St.
Van Pelt, Brad	LB	6-5	235	22	Mich. St.
Wideman, Wm.	DT	6-4	270	22	N.C. A&T



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PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

PREDICTION 4TH

The Philadelphia Eagles are a team with a spacious new stadium, an unproved new coaching staff, some good new players, a few good old players and a lot of question marks. In 14 games last year they won only twice—by one point each time (18-17 over Houston, the worst team in the league, and 21-20 over Kansas City).

They may face a long road back toward respectability. On the other hand, they may not. Much depends on their new coach, Mike McCormack, and their new quarterback, Roman Gabriel. If they've guessed right on McCormack—if he turns out to be one of the NFL's better coaches—and if Gabriel can pro-

vide both leadership and tactical strength as a passer, the Eagles can turn the corner this year.

They have a small nucleus of title-class players, notably in the defensive line with Richard Harris, Don Hultz and the others, but also spotted elsewhere: Bill Bradley, Ben Hawkins, Norm Bulaich, Po James. There may be two or three more of that kind on the squad, but there aren't many more; thus the Eagles' main problem is to upgrade the quality everywhere to the level found now in a small number of positions.

Their draft was one of the league's best this year, seemingly adding strength where the Eagles need it most, in the offensive line. Charles Young of USC is an impressive tight end. Jerry Sise-

MIKE McCORMACK, Coach.
Assistants: John Sandusky, John Idzik, Boyd Dowler, John Mazur, Walt Michaels, Jerry Wampsler, Dick LeBeau.

more of Texas and Guy Morriss of TCU are respected blockers. These were the first three drafted, with Sisemore first, and if they're as good as they seem the Eagles have improved already.

McCormack begins his career as a head coach with one advantage. He knows the Eagles intimately from his Washington years, when he coached against them twice each fall. From that observation point he says this:

"As an opposing coach last year, the Eagles impressed me as a tough defensive ball club. They held us (Redskins) to our lowest output of the season (14 points) up to the Super Bowl. After coaching against the Eagles and after studying films of every game last season, I don't believe the nucleus that returns is indic-

JOHN REAVES was thoroughly tested and battered in rookie season in 1972



PETE LISKE lacks only a strong arm to become an outstanding quarterback.

ative of the 2-11-1 record."

McCormack sees his mission as follows:

"It's no secret that improvement has to come from the offense. We could have the best defense in the league and if we score only twelve touchdowns in fourteen games (the Philadelphia record last year) we'd be in trouble."

Going into training camp, McCormack is a coach with one of the most experienced quarterbacks in the league, Gabriel, whom he acquired from Los Angeles in a one-for-five trade. The five included two first round draft choices (1974, 1975), a third choice in 1975 and two players, Harold Jackson and Tony Baker.

This is a lot to give up for any player, especially a 33-year-old sore-armed quarterback—but it will be a cheap purchase even so for McCormack if Gabriel comes through. What Gabriel did in Los Angeles in 1966-70 (the five George Allen years) is what the Eagles hope to get out of their new quarterback; and that's what they traded for.

There is a question whether Gabriel can deliver in 1973 as he did in 1969. It depends not on his health or age but on what he is asked to do in 1973.

He is an Allen-type quarterback, meaning his long suit is running a defense-oriented club. During the Allen era in Los Angeles, Gabriel's first responsibility was, don't give up the ball.

Allen reasoned the Rams could win with their defense provided Gabriel threw a minimum of interceptions and provided nobody fumbled . . . but this kind of quarterback is different from the kind Tommy Prothro demanded in Los Angeles in 1971-72. Prothro likes a quarterback who can throw the ball around and pull off the big play. This is not Gabriel's style. The Prothro staff counted up one year and discovered seven other NFL passers who had more accuracy than Gabriel.

Gabriel's long suit is directing a conservative offense that is satisfied to parlay first downs and throw a few play-action passes—just enough to keep the other team wary. And presumably, this

is the kind of offense McCormack wants in Philadelphia.

His assistant in charge of throwing the ball, Boyd Dowler, worked with Allen and Gabriel in Los Angeles and presumably knows Gabriel's limitations and strengths. Almost certainly it was Dowler who recommended the trade to McCormack and owner Leonard Tose.

If they don't expect too much, they have something. Gabriel is not too old—and his arm problems have been exaggerated. The Eagles' remaining wide receivers are hardly Pro Bowl types; but the offense McCormack, Dowler and Gabriel have in mind doesn't need that type.

At tight end the Eagles are counting on their top rookie, Charles Young, because of his two-way class as receiver and blocker. They also have two veterans with obvious skills in either catching or blocking: Harold Carmichael and Kent Kramer. Carmichael is a 6-8 target. Tight end wasn't the worst Eagle position.

McCormack's running game will depend to a great extent on Bulaich's health. A fourth-year pro, only 26, Bulaich brings to football more talent than most active backs. But during his Baltimore career he raised continual doubts about his physical capacity to absorb punishment. If his resistance to injury matched his pure skill on sweeps and off-tackle punches, Bulaich would be All-Conference regularly. His injuries may only have been coincidences. If so, the Eagles will run. They have an excellent halfback, Po James, who led them in ground gaining last season as a rookie.

The offensive line has been central in most of Philadelphia's off-season efforts to advance. "We need improved blocking from ALL the men up front," McCormack says. (Emphasis added.) Apparently he means center Mike Evans, tackles Wade Key, Steve Smith and Richard Stevens and guards Tom Luken, Mark Nordquist and Vern Winfield.

Some of them are in fights for survival. The Eagles have traded for Steve Wright and drafted

Sisemore and Morriss, and there aren't room for 10 in an NFL blocking department.

McCormack: "Personally, I think Jerry (Sisemore) will become a star in this league."

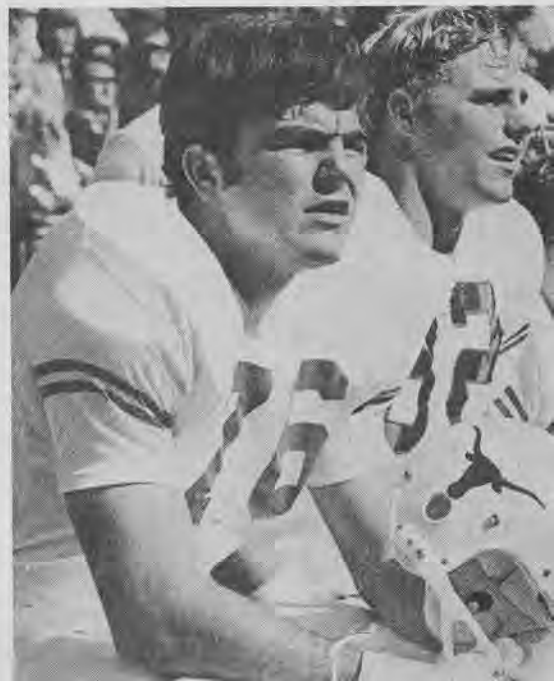
The irony of Philadelphia last season was that its most serious problems seemed to be in the offensive line whereas the strongest Eagle department was the defensive line. McCormack on his front four: "Probably as talented a group as we have any place on our football team."

There is both talent and depth. "The defensive ends (Mel Tom, Richard Harris, Larry Estes) are big and quick," says McCormack. "The tackles (Don Hultz, Gary Pettigrew, Houston Antwine) combine quickness and experience."

One of the Eagles' most prominent knee victim last year was Steve Zabel. One problem Zabel has had as a pro has been the Eagles' fault. They have moved him from position to position like an old freight car. He was moving from the outside to middle linebacker last year when hurt.

This seems to have led the new coaches to transfer Zabel again. They're listing him at right linebacker this summer although many Philadelphia opponents believe he was a much stronger middle linebacker than the record shows. McCormack concedes

JERRY SISEMORE, an All-America at Texas, was Eagles' top draft pick.



the young man is an "outstanding football player at a number of positions."

But Zabel will have to settle down somewhere to prove it, and the question is whether the Eagles can afford that. The question is whether Dick Absher or anybody on the Philadelphia roster can satisfy McCormack in the middle. His linebacker coach is Walt Michaels, a former linebacker himself and presumably in line as head coach of the Jets until the other day. It will be up to Michaels to recommend a solution in the linebacker department as soon as practicable after training camp starts. There is no problem at left backer, where 232-pound Ron Porter is one of the league's meanest. But there is a question of depth.

In the secondary, the Eagles are fortified at safety with Bill Bradley, and Kermit Alexander and on the corners with Al Nelson and Nate Ramsey. The latter is starting his eleventh season in the league and Nelson is in his ninth.

The NFL's interception champion in each of the last two seasons, Bradley is one of the NFL's most versatile athletes. He averaged 7 yards as the Philadelphia punt runner last year and 40.2 yards as the punter. This wasn't the league's highest punting average, but Bradley's punts were some of the highest in the



TOM DEMPSEY still holds NFL field goal mark with amazing 63-yard kick.

1972 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Dempsey, 71 points on 11 XP, 20 field goals	13th
RUSHING —James, 182 carries for 565 yds., 3.1 Avg.	16th
PASSING —Reaves, 108 in 224 attempts for 1508 yds., 7 TDs	10th
RECEIVING —Jackson, 62 receptions for 1048 yds., 4 TDs	1st
INTERCEPTIONS —Bradley, 9 for 73 yds., 8.1 Avg.	1st
PUNTING —Bradley, 56 punts, 40.2 Avg., longest 60 yds.	9th
PUNT RETURNS —Bradley, 22 for 155 yds., 7.0 Avg.	5th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Nelson, 25 for 728 yds., 29.1 Avg.	2nd

Pre-season Games

Aug. 4	Buffalo at Jacksonville, Fla.
11	AT Cincinnati (N)
16	PITTSBURGH (N)
25	AT San Diego (N)
Sept. 1	Giants at Princeton, N.J.
8	N.Y. Jets at Tampa, Fla.

1973 SCHEDULE

Sept. 16	ST. LOUIS	6-6
23	AT N.Y. Giants	10-62
30	WASHINGTON	7-23
Oct. 7	AT Buffalo	—
14	AT St. Louis	23-24
21	AT Minnesota	—
28	DALLAS	—
Nov. 4	NEW ENGLAND	—
11	ATLANTA	—
18	AT Dallas	{ 6-28
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	25 N.Y. GIANTS	12-27
Dec. 2	AT San Francisco	—
9	N.Y. JETS	—
16	AT Washington	0-14

conference and thus the most frequently fair caught.

Until injured, Tom McNeill was the Philadelphia punter. He led the conference in 1971.

The placekicker, Tom Dempsey, holds the NFL record for distance. In Philadelphia he has helped his consistency.

McCormack sums up: "Our players will have to pull together and sacrifice their egos for the success of the team." With that, he expects a winner.

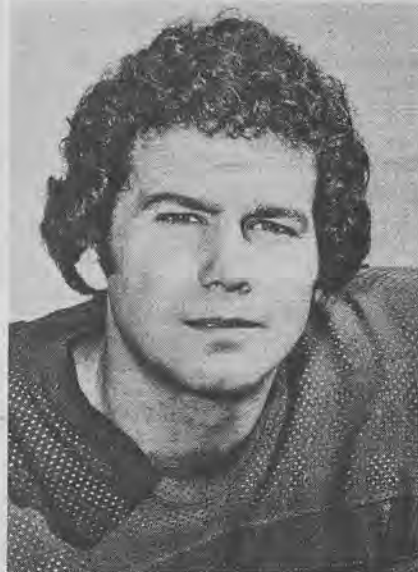
EAGLES' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
53	Absher, Dick	LB	6-4	235	29	7	Maryland
39	Alexander, Kermit	S	5-11	187	32	11	UCLA
75	Antwine, H.	DT	6-0	270	34	12	So. Illinois
11	Arrington, Rick	QB	6-3	200	26	4	Tulsa
31	Bailey, Tom	RB	6-2	211	24	3	Florida St.
46	Bouggess, Lee*	RB	6-2	210	25	3	Louisville
28	Bradley, Bill	S-P	5-11	190	26	5	Texas
95	Bulaich, Norm	RB	6-1	218	26	4	TCU
95	Bunting, John	LB	6-1	220	23	2	No. Carolina
17	Carmichael, H.	TE	6-8	225	23	3	Southern U.
66	Cody, Bill	LB	6-1	230	29	7	Auburn
8	Coleman, Al	S	6-0	183	29	6	Tenn. St.
58	Creech, Bob	LB	6-3	228	24	3	TCU
47	Crowe, Larry	RB	6-1	198	23	2	Tex. So'em
19	Dempsey, Tom	K	6-1	255	26	4	Palomar
81	Estes, Larry	DE	6-6	250	26	4	Alcorn A&M
59	Evans, Mike	C	6-5	250	27	6	Boston Col.
	Gabriel, Roman	QB	6-4	220	33	12	N.C. State
45	Gibbs, Pat	CB	5-10	188	23	2	Lamar
84	Harris, Richard	DE	6-5	260	25	3	Grambling
18	Hawkins, Ben	WR	6-1	180	29	8	Arizona St.
80	Hoss, Clark	TE	6-8	235	24	2	Oregon St.
83	Hultz, Don	DT	6-3	241	32	11	So. Miss.
27	James, Ron	RB	6-1	202	24	2	N. Mex. St.
51	Kelley, Ike*	LB	5-11	224	29	7	Ohio St.
72	Key, Wade	T	6-5	245	26	4	S.W. Tex. St.
87	Kramer, Kent	TE	6-4	235	29	6	Minnesota
14	Liske, Pete	QB	6-2	200	31	6	Penn State
63	Lukon, Tom	G	6-3	253	23	2	Purdue
36	McNeill, Tom	P	6-1	195	31	7	S. F. Austin
26	Nelson, Al	CB	5-11	186	29	9	Cincinnati
68	Nordquist, Mark	G	6-4	246	27	6	Pacific
56	Overmyer, Bill	LB	6-3	200	24	2	Ashland
88	Pettigrew, Gary	DT	6-5	255	28	8	Stanford
	Philbin, Gerry	DE	6-2	245	31	10	Buffalo U.
50	Porter, Ron	LB	6-3	232	28	7	Idaho
24	Ramsey, Nate	CB	6-1	200	32	11	Indiana
6	Reaves, John	QB	6-3	210	23	2	Florida
74	Smith, Steve	T	6-5	250	29	7	Michigan
96	Sodaski, John	LB	6-2	222	25	3	Villanova
73	Stevens, Richard	T	6-4	240	25	4	Baylor
25	Sullivan, Tom	RB	6-0	190	23	2	Miami
99	Tom, Mel	DE	6-4	249	32	7	San Jose St.
9	Walik, Bill	WR	5-11	180	25	4	Villanova
34	Watkins, Larry	RB	6-2	230	26	5	Alcorn A&M
67	Winfield, Vern	G	6-2	248	24	2	Minnesota
	Wright, Steve	T	6-6	250	31	10	Alabama
89	Zabel, Steve	LB	6-4	235	25	4	Oklahoma

*Missed entire '72 season because of injury.

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Bailey, Sid	DT	6-4	255	24	Arlington
Baptist, Ernie	CB	5-11 3/4	180	21	Arlington
Cochran, Howard	G	6-5	240	21	Tenn. Tech.
Davis, Stan	WR	5-11	180	22	Memphis St.
Ellison, Jerry	DT	6-3	255	22	N. Tex. St.
Farrell, Bill	G	6-4	238	21	Virginia
Hand, Ted	C	6-2	248	21	E. Michigan
Hollie, Alex	CB	6-2	190	25	Tenn. St.
Injychcok, Joe	S	6-2	185	22	Temple
Keser, Branislav	DT	6-3	260	22	Purdue
Lavender, Joe	CB	6-4	190	24	S. Diego St.
Lintner, Dan	CB	6-2	185	22	Indiana
Logan, Randy	S	6-1	195	22	Michigan
Maxwell, Jim	QB	6-2	200	23	Tennessee
Moe, Fran	C	6-1	235	23	Mankato
Molloy, Larry	S	5-11	190	21	Boston Col.
Morriss, Guy	G	6-4	255	22	TCU
Nokes, John	LB	6-3	230	22	No. Illinois
Oliver, Greg	RB	6-0	192	24	Trinity
Picard, Bob	WR	6-1 1/2	195	23	E. Wash. St.
Putnal, Rex	WR	6-3	180	24	Georgia
Sacra, Ralph	T	6-5	240	21	Tex. A&M
Schlezes, Ken	S	6-3	195	22	Notre Dame
Sisemore, Jerry	T	6-4	260	21	Texas
Taibi, Carl	DT	6-4	255	22	Colorado
Van Elst, Gary	DT	6-3	265	22	Michigan St.
Venerucci, Lino	LB	6-2	240	23	Wichita
Wynn, William	DE	6-4	240	23	Tenn. St.
Young, Charles	TE	6-4	230	22	USC
Zimmerman, Don	WR	6-3	195	23	N.E. La.



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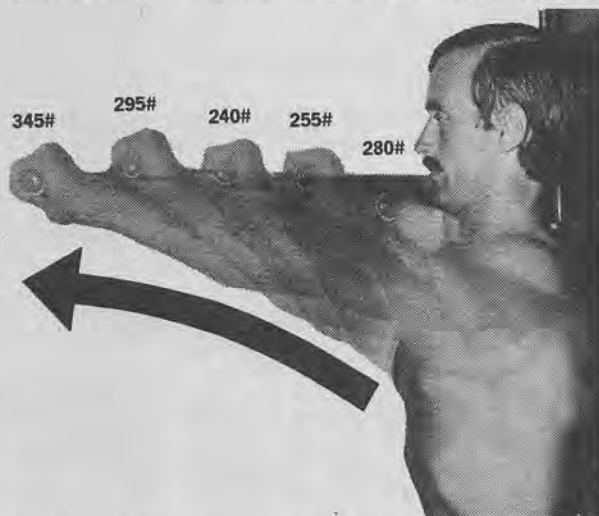
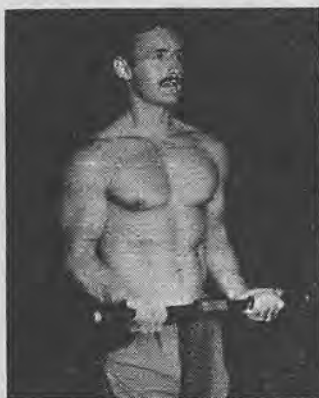
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ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

PREDICTION 5TH

The St. Louis Cardinals this year are a team in the throes of a major experiment. It is an experiment that has not recently worked in pro football: emphasizing offense (particularly pass offense) with a staff of college coaches who have never coached pro ball, and never played in the NFL.

Don Coryell, the new head coach, puts the philosophy this way:

"We want to become a winning football team, and one obvious key to doing this will be becoming more of an offensive football team. Defense is very important in this league, but I also believe in scoring. We want to attack the defense and throw the football."

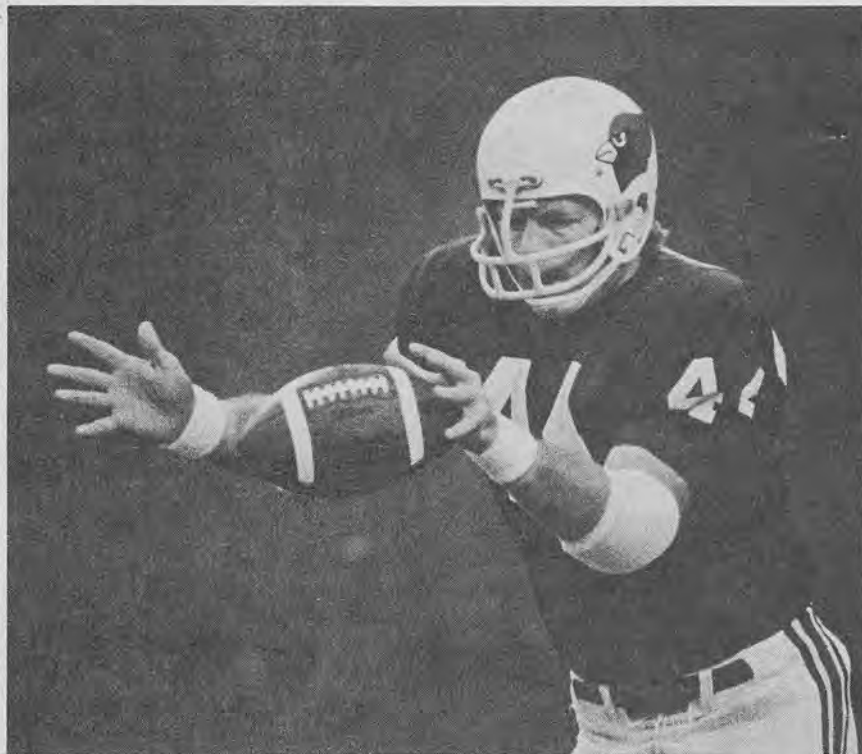
Of the 75 million who watched the Super Bowl game last January, perhaps 74½ million will be pulling for Coryell. They hope he's right. They hope somebody will prove you can win with offense in pro ball, but it's a sad fact that almost nobody has in all the years since the pros expanded from the 12 teams they fielded in 1959 to today's 26 teams.

Johnny Unitas won championships with his offense at Baltimore in the late 1950s. But with expansion and dilution of blockers—always the shortest commodity in football—the defenses took charge of the NFL in the early 1960s and they're still in control.

There is an implication in Coryell's basic premise ("defense is very important but we're keying on offense") that goes against the grain of modern pro football—as sad as that fact is.

It is a serious understatement to say, "defense is very important in this league."

On the evidence of the last dozen years, defense is life or death in this league. The champions throughout most of the expansion-television era have had somewhat different kinds of



DONNY ANDERSON led in rushing and punting in first season with Cards.

offenses—but they have all had one thing in common, a very strong defense.

It is this trend Coryell is challenging. And to his credit, he is not making a halfway challenge. He is going the whole way with an offensive staff that has never logged a minute in the NFL in any capacity.

Plainly, Coryell believes the colleges today know more about passing than the pros. He is not about to taint his pass offense by taking counsel of any pro coach.

Coryell has himself been an extraordinarily successful college coach. In 12 years at San Diego State he compiled a 104-19-2. Including his years at Whittier, where he was more successful than George Allen, Coryell is 127-24-3 lifetime.

San Diego State, of course, is not universally accepted as major league. Coryell has not spent these last 12 years defending and attacking USC, Ohio State or Nebraska. But on the testimony of every critic who has studied

DON CORYELL, Coach.

Assistants: Rod Dowhower, Joe Gibbs, Sid Hall, Jim Hanifan, Jackie Simpson, Ray Willsey.



TOM BRAHANEY, All-American center at Oklahoma, was No. 1 draft choice.



JACKIE SMITH, Cardinals' 10-year veteran tight end, catches touchdown pass against Denver Broncos last year.

him and his teams at length, Coryell is an outstanding college coach.

From San Diego he has brought with him two members of his staff there, Rod Dowhower and Jim Hanifan, plus one of his former San Diego assistants, Joe Gibbs. These comprise the St. Louis offensive staff though it's their first year in the league.

Dowhower, who will handle Cardinal quarterbacks and receivers, has spent his entire football career at San Diego State, as a quarterback in 1963-64 and as an assistant ever since. Gibbs, the offensive backfield coach, was an offensive lineman and linebacker at San Diego State in 1961-63 and coached there in 1964-66 before moving along to Florida State, USC and (in 1971-72) Arkansas. Hanifan, offensive line, played at Cal in 1952-54 and coached here and there before joining Coryell's staff last year.

Twice before in recent seasons NFL coaches have come out of college ball and aimed to win with offense, particularly pass offense. They are Tommy Prothro and Bill Peterson.

Their philosophies weren't precisely the same as Coryell's but they were close. Prothro lasted two years with the Rams. Peterson, though even more disillusioned in Houston, and even more unsuccessful, is still there.

Coryell may have the magic

answer but the odds and history are both against him.

Defensively he has also chosen a unique approach. First he outlined the qualifications for defensive coordinator, pointing out that the man chosen would have full responsibility and would take the credit or blame for defense. Then he named Ray Willsey to the position.

Willsey had been listed as a consultant in St. Louis. He last coached in the NFL 10 years ago. His pro experience includes two years as a Cardinal assistant (1960-61) and two as a Redskin assistant (1962-63).

There are only two other coaches on Coryell's defensive staff, Sid Hall and Jackie Simpson. Both are experienced pro coaches but their responsibilities in St. Louis are a bit peculiar. Hall was named to coach the defensive line and linebackers, Simpson the defensive backs and linebackers.

Overall, this is one of the league's smallest staffs.

If Coryell makes it go in St. Louis, there will be an NFL shakeup in the 1970s with two components: pass-minded coaches from college ball and smaller staffs.

Don might have had more chance several years ago before the Cards traded away several of their better players. He begins with a quarterback, Jim Hart,

middle of the 26 NFL quarterbacks. At 6-2 and 200, Hart is not the biggest man in his position in the league, but he has had seven years of pro experience and at 29 will not soon be readier than he is now. Chances are Coryell will experiment between Hart and Tim Van Galder for awhile, and perhaps others, but the question is how much of that he can do and still get the precision and continuity a winning offense needs. Indeed, the trouble with accenting the offensive way is that whereas errors kill offensive marches almost invariably, defensive errors do not necessarily kill defenses.

If the defensive error is made away from the ball, it can be survived. Any offensive error lets a defensive man in.

The St. Louis backfield, John Roland and Donny Anderson, is not weak and might fit Coryell better than Roland and Anderson have singly or collectively fitted other coaches. But the depth (Craig Baynham, Leon Burns, Leo Hayden, Larry Stegent and others) may not quite have the brilliance of St. Louis' competitors in its division.

The outstanding offensive Cardinal is probably tight end Jackie Smith, who has logged 10 seasons in the league, most of them superb. The wide receivers, Bobby Moore and Mel Gray, have great speed, and there is depth with Walker Gillette.

No. 2 in ability among the offensive Cardinals possibly is offensive tackle Ernie McMillan (some would call him No. 1), a 12-year veteran who associates with up-and-coming youngsters, Dan Dierdorf, Conrad Dobler, Tom Banks, Bob Young and center Wayne Mulligan. The No. 5 Cardinal draft choice is a prospect at center: All-America Tom Brahaney of Oklahoma.

The No. 1 choice has a place waiting for him in the St. Louis defensive line. He is Dave Butz of Purdue, whom the Cardinals list behind John Richardson and Bob Rowe, both of whom are seven-year veterans. The defensive ends are Don Brumm and Ron Yankowski.

The most effective of the defensive Cardinals is linebacker Larry Stallings, who is now 31. At middle linebacker they have more quality and depth than in any other position this year, offensive or defensive, with Mark Arneson, Jamie Rivers and Mike McGill. They list Rivers behind Arneson. If Arneson is better than Rivers, their defensive problems are over for many years in St. Louis. A sophomore from Arizona, Arneson is only 23.

The secondary might be the strongest single department on the St. Louis squad. Miller Farr and Norm Thompson are impressive cornerbacks who blend well with the safety types St. Louis has, Roger Wehrli and Chuck Beatty.

JOHN ROLAND has carried 962 times for 3608 yards and 27 TDs in career.



Larry Wilson, who could still help this unit, has retired to become director of pro scouting. The Cardinals have also brought in a new general manager, the efficient Joe Sullivan who has had the best training for his position possible in the NFL today. He was trained by George Allen.

The shakeup there has been profound, starting with the transfer of power in recent months from a partnership to a solo boss, William V. Bidwill. It took the Cardinals a long time to discover the truth about football leadership, namely that it is a one-man sport. What they're up to now is finding out whether their one man has made the right executive decisions in matters such as club leadership.

Don inherits a reliable place-kicker, Jim Bakken, and two fast kick runners, Gray and Moore. The punting candidates are Anderson and rookie quarterback Gary Keithley, the No. 2 choice from Texas-El Paso. Keithley is 6-3 and 205. It may be that Keithley is the passer who will eventually lead Coryell to fame.

1972 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Bakken, 61 points on 19 XP, 14 field goals	15th
RUSHING —Anderson, 153 carries for 536 yds., 3.5 Avg., 4 TDs	17th
PASSING —Cuzzo, 69 in 158 attempts for 897 yds., 5 TDs	13th
RECEIVING —Roland, 38 receptions for 321 yds., 2 TDs	13th
INTERCEPTIONS —Wilson, 3 for 35 yds., 11.7 Avg.	27th
PUNTING —Anderson, 72 punts, 39.5 Avg., longest 61 yds.	11th
PUNT RETURNS —Willingham, 9 for 41 yds., 4.6 Avg.	18th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Gray, 17 for 378 yds., 22.2 Avg.	14th

Pre-season Games

Aug. 11 AT San Diego (N)
18 AT Denver (N)
25 NEW YORK JETS (N)
Sept. 1 AT Chicago (N)
7 KANSAS CITY (N)

1973 SCHEDULE

		1972 Scores
Sept. 16	AT Philadelphia	6-6
23	WASHINGTON	3-33
30	AT Dallas	24-33
Oct. 7	OAKLAND	—
14	PHILADELPHIA	24-23
21	AT Washington	10-24
28	N.Y. GIANTS	7-13
Nov. 4	DENVER	—
11	AT Green Bay	—
18	AT N.Y. Giants	21-27
25	AT Cincinnati	—
Dec. 2	DETROIT	—
9	AT Atlanta	—
16	DALLAS	6-27



LARRY STALLINGS is the Cardinals' most effective defensive performer.

CARDINALS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
37	Allen, Jeff	DB	5-11	190	25	2	Iowa St.
44	Anderson, Don	RB-P	6-3	210	30	8	Tex. Tech
57	Arneson, Mark	LB	6-2	220	23	2	Arizona
25	Bakken, Jim	K	6-0	195	32	12	Wisconsin
54	Banks, Tom	C-G	6-1	240	25	3	Auburn
48	Baynham, Craig	RB	6-1	205	29	7	Ga. Tech
31	Beatty, Chuck	DB	6-2	205	26	5	N. Tex. St.
89	Beckman, Tom	DE	6-5	250	22	2	Michigan
55	Bradley, Dave	G	6-3	245	26	5	Penn St.
86	Brumm, Don	DE	6-4	245	31	11	Purdue
38	Burns, Leon	RB	6-1	235	28	3	Long Beach
47	Conley, Steve	LB	6-2	225	24	2	Kansas
72	Dierdorf, Dan	T-G	6-4	265	25	3	Michigan
66	Dobler, Conrad	G	6-3	250	22	2	Wyoming
20	Farr, Miller	DB	6-1	180	29	8	Wichita St.
	Finnie, Roger	G	6-3	245	27	5	Fla. A&M
84	Gillette, Walker	WR	6-5	200	26	4	Richmond
85	Gray, Mel	WR	5-9	170	24	3	Missouri
49	Hackbart, Dale	DB	6-3	210	35	12	Wisconsin
17	Hart, Jim	QB	6-2	200	29	8	So. Illinois
32	Hayden, Leo	RB	6-0	210	25	3	Ohio St.
74	Heron, Fred	DT	6-4	260	28	8	San Jose
65	Hutchison, Chuck	G	6-3	240	24	4	Ohio St.
88	Hyatt, Fred	WR	6-3	210	27	6	Auburn
82	Imhof, Martin	DE	6-6	255	23	2	S. Diego St.
80	McFarland, Jim	TE	6-5	225	25	4	Nebraska
73	McMillan, Ernie	T	6-6	255	35	13	Illinois
58	Miller, Terry	LB	6-2	225	27	4	Illinois
28	Moore, Bobby	WR	6-2	210	23	2	Oregon
50	Mulligan, Wayne	C	6-2	245	26	5	Clemson
76	Palmer, Scott	DT	6-3	245	25	3	Texas
30	Person, Ara	TE	6-2	220	24	2	Morgan St.
71	Richardson, John	DT	6-2	250	28	7	UCLA
53	Rivers, Jamie	LB	6-2	235	27	6	Bowl. Green
23	Roland, John	RB	6-2	215	30	8	Missouri
75	Rowe, Bob	DE	6-4	260	28	7	West. Mich.
81	Smith, Jackie	TE	6-4	235	33	11	N.W. La.
37	Staggs, Jeff	LB	6-2	240	29	7	S. Diego St.
67	Stallings, Larry	LB	6-2	230	31	11	Ga. Tech
35	Stegent, Larry	RB	6-1	200	25	2	Tex. A&M
62	Taylor, Mike	T	6-5	245	28	6	So. Calif.
	Tolbert, Jim	CB	6-3	200	28	8	Lincoln
13	Thompson, Norm	DB	6-1	175	28	3	Utah
16	Van Gilder, Tim	QB	6-1	190	29	2	Iowa St.
40	Washington, Eric	DB	6-2	190	23	2	El Paso
22	Wehrli, Roger	DB	6-1	195	25	5	Missouri
42	Wicks, Bob	WR	6-3	195	23	2	Utah St.
33	Willingham, L.	DB	6-1	190	24	3	Auburn
78	Yankowski, Ron	DE	6-5	245	26	3	Kansas St.
64	Young, Bob	G	6-2	260	31	8	How. Payne

Stegent—Injured, out entire 1972 season
Beatty—Played 8 games with Pittsburgh
Conley—Played 1 game with Cincinnati
Taylor—Last active with Washington in 1971

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
29	Andre, Phil	DB	6-2	195	22	Washington
51	Brahaney, Tom	C	6-2	225	21	Oklahoma
83	Butz, Dave	DT	6-7	280	23	Purdue
19	Crone, Eric	QB	6-3	210	23	Harvard
26	Crump, Dwayne	DB	5-11	180	23	Fresno St.
36	Garrett, Ken	RB	6-2	210	23	Wake Forest
68*	Hann, Jim	LB	6-2	230	21	Montana
69*	Jones, Ken	G	6-3	235	23	Oklahoma
12	Keithley, Gary	QB	6-3	205	22	El Paso
59	King, Kenny	LB	6-3	215	22	Kentucky
21	Metcalfe, Terry	RB	5-10	185	21	Long Beach
52	Parker, Mel	LB	6-2	210	22	Duke
68*	Peiffer, Dan	G	6-3	245	22	S.E. Mo.
24	Robinson, Ed	DB	6-2	185	23	Lamar
70	Sanspree, Dan	DE	6-4	230	22	Auburn
79	Sloan, Bonnie	DT	6-5	260	25	Austin Peay
63	Sturt, Fred	G	6-4	250	22	Bowl. Green
61	Unruh, Dean	T	6-3	240	22	Oklahoma
69*	Wallace, Rocky	LB	6-1	220	25	Missouri

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GREEN BAY PACKERS

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The Green Bay Packers are led by a statesman who in one year made the difficult transition from college coaching to the pros. He is Dan Devine, architect of a 4-8-2 in 1971—the Packers' worst record since the days before Vince Lombardi—and a 10-4 in 1972. That is progress. And it happened for one fundamental reason. Devine in one year learned how to win in the National League.

That is, he learned where to place the emphasis if you want to win pro games today. You place it on defense first and on running the ball second. Down the runway you place it on kicking third.

And most of all, you realize that whatever is fourth is a hell of a lot behind one, two and three.

Devine not only perceived all

JOHN BROCKINGTON has gained 1000 yds in each of first two seasons.



this in a sustained flash of insight during the awful autumn of 1971, when his perspective was flawed by the clumsy crutches he needed that season. He also had the skill to make the required changes.

The main ones were the trade for MacArthur Lane, which enabled Devine to run, and the draft of Chester Marcol, which enabled him to kick.

Of all those who make a living in pro ball, Devine perhaps saw most clearly in 1971 what Don Shula and George Allen were up to in Florida and Washington. The Green Bay coach noted, for one thing, that the quarterbacks of these successful teams rarely threw passes. He reasoned he could make the playoffs without trading his life for an experienced quarterback, and this prediction came true.

There is a difference, nonetheless, between making the playoffs and the Super Bowl. You need better quarterbacking than Green Bay had last year to play for the marbles in the last big game.

Accordingly, Devine and his assistants ran a quarterback school in Green Bay between the

DAN DEVINE, Coach.

Assistants: Dave Hanner, John "Red" Cochran, Rollie Dotsch, Hank Kuhlmann, Burt Custafson, Don Doll, John Polonchek.

1972 and 1973 seasons for their young passers, Scott Hunter and Jerry Tagge, who gave up their regular six-month vacations in order to improve themselves and the Packers.

Hunter and Tagge this fall may be the NFL's only two players who will have spent eighteen continuous months in football by Christmas-time, and they may well have another division title to show for it.

Devine's judgment of his two kid quarterbacks is that they have the talent but not the experience. The only negative he acknowledges about them is inexperience—and he backs up this evaluation by keeping and training them instead of going to the market for replacements.

His opinions on this subject are not universally shared in the league. There are those who doubt if Hunter is enough passer. And as for Tagge, although he seems to have the better arm, he has never been as impressive throwing the ball as Jim Plunkett or Bob Griese or even Bart Starr, who came inconspicuously to Green Bay in the first place and won his high marks from Lombardi only belatedly.

MacARTHUR LANE, taking handoff from QB SCOTT HUNTER, starred for St. Louis Cardinals' before being named Packers' offensive MVP in 1972.



Accordingly, you can only go this far with the Packers today: you can say if they've guessed right on their quarterbacks, they'll be a Super Bowl factor eventually. If they're overrating them, they can win divisional titles but not much else.

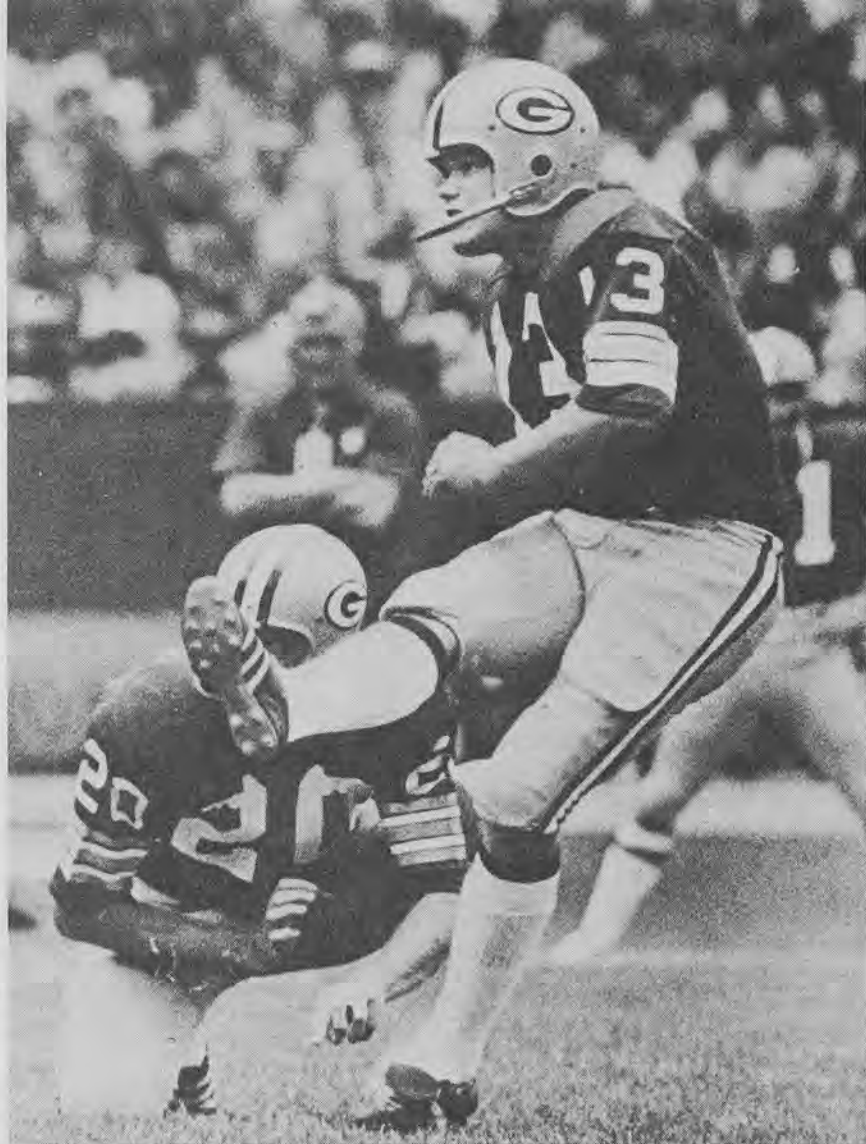
The Packers are so strong and well coached at most positions, and so young, that their place as an NFL title contender can be projected indefinitely. Offensively, they're a little weak where it doesn't much matter, in their pass offense. And defensively—at linebacker—they should be able to minimize a slight weakness with the horses they have in their front and deep fours.

This is the team to beat in the NFC Central precisely because it should have made some strides in pass offense this season both throwing and catching. The throwers have added a year of experience (and a winter in school) and the receiving could be 50 per cent better with the return of tight end Rich McGeorge from knee surgery and with the draft of No. 1 Barry Smith from Florida State to pair with veteran Carroll Dale.

At running back Devine has two assets. His fullback, John Brockington, may be the most effective in football today and his big halfback, MacArthur Lane, was named Most Valuable Offensive Player last season in his first year at Green Bay.

Brockington in 1972 became the first in NFL history to gain 1,000 yards in each of his first two pro seasons. Lane has fullback size and a halfback's feel for catching the ball. Together they are probably the best in their conference and possibly the best in the league. They were stopped by Washington's five-man line last December—and this could happen again if Green Bay can't pass—but that's why Devine has been working all winter with his quarterbacks.

The offensive line welcomes Gale Gillingham back. Unfortunately injured last year when shifted to defense, Gillingham probably belongs over there, but his knee wound permanently cooled that idea. Now the Packers have three guards, including Mal-



CHESTER MARCOL was Packers' best kicker in five years, scoring 128 points.

colm Snider and Bill Lueck.

The tackles are the veterans Dick Himes and Bill Hayhoe. This is center Ken Bowman's 10th year.

The defensive line is stronger and deeper than it was last year. Devine brought two fine defensive linemen over from the AFL this winter, and one of them, Aaron Brown, is potentially the equal of anybody in the league. Aaron and Kansas City haven't been getting along since the year he helped boost the Chiefs to their Super Bowl championship. But if Devine can get out of him what's there, he has something.

Green Bay's other Brown, Bob Brown, also plays in the defensive line as do Mike McCoy, Clarence Williams (the team leader in sacks last year) and Al Roche (Green Bay's defensive MVP in 1971). Carleton Oats, long an Oakland fixture, is one

of two new AFL-trained strongmen.

This group and the secondary both have title firepower. The coaches rebuilt their deep four in all four parts last year, which was a good time to do that. In a league that eased off throwing the ball, Green Bay's new defensive backs got experience without burns. They seemed capable of handling much more than they saw.

The prize 1972 acquisition was Willie Buchanon, the NFL's Rookie of the Year, who teams with All-Pro Ken Ellis at the corners. These are youngsters with 9.4 speed who are already being called the finest corner pair in Green Bay history.

Those remembering Herb Adderley and Bob Jeter will consider this a rare accolade.

In the heyday of the Lombardi Packers, Adderley and Jeter

were the keys to a defensive team that succeeded because the cornerbacks could handle the enemy's stars man for man. In modern football, Buchanan and Ellis are not asked to try that so often. It is easier to play cornerback now than in Adderley's day in Wisconsin. On the other hand, who's to say Buchanan and Ellis couldn't play man for man?

The safeties, Jim Hill and Al Mathews, are somewhat less brilliant. But they're effective in the Green Bay network.

At linebacker he needs more than that. He needs another player. The loss of Dave Robinson, who retired prematurely and who will doubtless live to regret it, has left a hole that Green Bay hasn't filled. The leading candidate is a linebacker from the taxi squad, Larry Hefner.

As if to consciously make up for the uncertainty at one line-backing position, the other positions are in the hands of exceptional talent. Some believe Jim Carter has the ability at middle linebacker to make Wisconsin forget Ray Nitschke. Fred Carr is an even more useful right linebacker. Standing 6-5, Fred brings to his position a stature that is more and more sought in outside linebackers.

Green Bay's kicking is in charge of the 1972 No. 2 draft choice who set a team field goal record last year, Chester Marcol, who succeeded on 33 of 48 attempts. The Packer attack in

KEN ELLIS, All-Pro cornerback, has amazing quickness, running 100 in 9.4.

Marcol's rookie year consisted basically of runs by Brockington and Marcol kicks.

The acquisition of the Polish-born former soccer player solved a Green Bay problem that had defied everybody, including Lombardi, since Don Chandler

played his last game in Super Bowl II. In the five years after Chandler retired, the Packers managed a total of 33 field goals—equalling Marcol's output in one season.

If you can't kick, you can't compete in pro football. Chandler's role in the magnificent Lombardi legend is still underrated.



JIM CARTER has replaced great RAY NITSCHKE as star middle linebacker.

1972 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Marcol, 128 points on 29 XP, 33 field goals	1st
RUSHING —Brockington, 274 carries for 1027 yds., 3.7 Avg., 8 TDs	4th
PASSING —Hunter, 86 in 199 attempts for 1252 yds., 6 TDs	11th
RECEIVING —Lane, 26 receptions for 285 yds.	39th
INTERCEPTIONS —Ellis, 4 for 106 yds., 26.5 Avg., 1 TD	7th
PUNTING —Widby, 65 punts, 41.8 Avg., longest 64 yds.	5th
PUNT RETURNS —Ellis, 14 for 215 yds., 15.4 Avg., 80-yard TD	1st
KICKOFF RETURNS —Thomas 21 for 572 yds., 27.2 Avg.	5th

Pre-season Games

Aug. 4 Chicago at Milwaukee (N)	
11 BUFFALO (N)	
18 Houston at Milwaukee (N)	
26 AT Kansas City (N)	
Sept. 1 PITTSBURGH (N)	
8 AT Cincinnati (N)	

1973 SCHEDULE

		1972 Scores
Sept. 17	N.Y. JETS (Mil.) (N)	—
23	DETROIT	33-7
30	AT Minnesota	23-7
Oct. 7	AT N.Y. Giants	—
14	KANSAS CITY (Mil.)	—
21	AT Los Angeles	—
28	AT Detroit	24-23
Nov. 4	CHICAGO	20-17
11	ST. LOUIS	—
18	AT New England	—
26	AT San Francisco	34-24
Dec. 6	NEW ORLEANS (Mil.)	30-20
8	MINNESOTA	13-27
16	AT Chicago	23-17

PACKERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
57	Bowman, Ken	C	6-3	230	30	10	Wisconsin
42	Brockington, J.	RB	6-1	225	25	3	Ohio St.
97	Brown, Aaron	DE	6-5	255	29	7	Minnesota
78	Brown, Bob	DT	6-5	260	33	8	Ark. A&M
28	Buchanan, W.	CB	6-0	190	23	2	S. Diego St.
53	Carr, Fred	LB	6-5	238	27	6	El Paso
50	Carter Jim	LB	6-3	235	25	4	Minnesota
84	Dale, Carroll	WR	6-2	200	35	14	Va. Tech.
47	Davis, Dave	WR	6-0	175	25	3	Tenn. A&I
48	Ellis, Ken	CB	5-10	190	25	4	Southern
55	Enyard, Bill	LB	6-4	235	26	4	Oregon St.
88	Garrett, Len	TE	6-3	230	25	3	N. Mex. Hds.
41	Gibson, Paul	S	6-2	195	25	2	El Paso
68	Gillingham, Gale	G	6-3	255	29	8	Minnesota
46	Glass, Leland	WR	6-0	185	23	2	Oregon
21	Hall, Charles	CB	6-1	195	25	3	Pittsburgh
77	Hayhoe, Bill	T	6-8	258	27	5	So. Calif.
51	Hefner, Larry	LB	6-2	215	24	2	Clemson
39	Hill, Jim	S	6-2	190	26	5	Tex. A&I
72	Himes, Dick	T	6-4	244	27	6	Ohio St.
23	Hudson, Bob	RB	5-11	210	25	2	N.E. Okla.
54	Hunt, Kevin	T	6-5	260	25	2	Doane, Neb.
16	Hunter, Scott	QB	6-2	205	24	3	Alabama
40	Kopay, Dave	RB	6-0	218	31	10	Washington
30	Krause, Larry	RB	6-0	208	25	4	St. Norbert
44	Kroll, Bob	DS	6-1	195	23	2	No. Mich.
36	Lane, MacArthur	RB	6-1	220	29	6	Utah St.
62	Lueck, Bill	G	6-4	235	27	6	Arizona
13	Marcol, Chester	K	6-0	190	24	2	Hillsdale
29	Mathews, Al	DB	5-11	190	25	4	Tex. A&I
76	McCoy, Mike	DT	6-5	284	24	4	Notre Dame
81	McGeorge, Rich	TE	6-4	235	24	4	Elon
66	Nitschke, Ray	LB	6-3	235	36	16	Illinois
95	Oats, Carleton	DT	6-3	260	30	9	Fla. A&M
10	Patrick, Frank	QB	6-7	225	26	4	Nebraska
75	Purelforty, Dave	DE	6-1	260	23	2	E. Mich.
87	Roche, Alen	DT/DE	6-4	255	28	4	Southern
67	Snider, Malcolm	G	6-4	251	26	5	Stanford
22	Staggers, Jon	WR	5-10	180	24	4	Missouri
17	Tagge, Jerry	QB	6-2	220	23	2	Nebraska
37	Thomas, Ike	CB	6-2	193	25	3	Bishop
26	Walsh, Ward	RB	6-0	208	23	3	Colorado
20	Widby, Ron	P	6-4	210	28	6	Tennessee
83	Williams, Clar.	DE	6-5	255	26	4	Pr. View
31	Williams, Perry	RB	6-2	219	26	5	Purdue
58	Withrow, Cal	C	6-0	240	28	4	Kentucky
65	Wortman, Keith	G	6-2	245	23	2	Nebraska

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
41	Alderson, Tim	S	6-2	193	22	Minnesota
52	Allen, Larry	LB	6-1	214	21	Illinois
73	Anderson, Jim	DT	6-5	250	21	No. western
40*	Armstrong, Bill	S	6-2	210	22	California
26*	Austin, Hise	DB	6-4	187	22	Pr. View
33	Brandon, Demrey	RB	6-3	205	22	Bethany
71	Branstetter, Kent	T	6-3	210	24	Houston U.
69	Brown, John	LB	6-1	235	23	Missouri
61	Brown, Rick	LB	6-3	225	23	So. Carolina
12	Bulger, James	QB	6-5	227	23	Notre Dame
86	Christiansen, R.	TE	6-4	235	24	UCLA
85	Echols, Reggie	WR	6-2	185	22	UCLA
63	Engle, Phil	G	6-2	270	22	So. Dak. St.
25	Goodman, Leslie	HB	5-11	206	23	Yankton
38	Hawkins, N.	WR	6-1	200	23	Nevada
35*	Hoeppner, Terry	S	6-3	195	24	Franklin
49	James, Clarence	WR	6-1	194	23	Langston
22*	Johnson, E. L.	C	5-10	172	22	So. Calif.
34	Lewis, Curtis	FB	6-3	230	23	W. Mich.
60	MacLeod, Tom	LB	6-3	221	22	Minnesota
10*	McBride, Ron	RB	6-0	202	22	Missouri
54	McCarren, Larry	C	6-3	242	22	Illinois
70	Muller, John	T	6-3	260	22	Iowa
11	Napper, Chas.	QB	6-1	190	24	Tex. Tech.
29*	Nichols, Willie	WR	6-1	203	23	Colorado
82	Pretty, Keith	TE	6-4	229	21	W. Mich.
90	Sampson, Harold	DT	6-5	268	22	Southern
18	Sherman, Ray	S	6-1	193	22	Fresno St.
27	Smith, Barry	WR	6-1	185	22	Florida St.
65*	Smith, Marc	LB	6-2	228	23	Miami Univ.
45	Thone, Rick	S	6-0	193	23	Ark. Tech.
19	Trott, Stanley	WR	6-3	200	23	Tennessee
59	Toner, Tom	LB	6-3	225	23	Idaho St.
35*	Watson, Surt	RB	6-0	210	23	Tennessee

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Oct 7 PURDUE (-10) vs Iowa, 21-0
Oct 14 LSU (-9) vs Auburn, 35-7
Oct 21 OHIO St. (-21) vs Indiana, 44-7
Oct 28 MICHIGAN (-28) vs Minnesota 42-0
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Nov 18 FLORIDA (-12) vs Kentucky, 40-0
Nov 25 PURDUE (-21) vs Indiana, 42-7
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MINNESOTA VIKINGS

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The Minnesota Vikings are moving into the 1970s this year, a little late perhaps, but better late than never. Some years ago, their coach, Bud Grant, built one of the finest teams of the post-Lombardi era—possibly the finest of all, though it didn't quite win the Super Bowl—but that era is gone.

It was an era in which you had to throw passes to win, or so everybody thought, and what Grant concentrated on was the antidote to that: pass defense. The combination of Grant's strategy (multiple zone defense behind an all-out rush) and the talent he had in his front four made Minnesota the best defensive club in the land as the 1960s gave way to the 1970s.

Unfortunately, in that passing era, the Vikings had a persistent quarterback problem which, when they finally solved it last season, was no longer the problem. This has been a team of irony all these years, and the case irony was the acquisition of a winning quarterback, Fran Tarkenton, who couldn't win for the Vikings because he wasn't what they needed.

What they needed then, and may have this year, were (1) a defensive accent on ball-control running plays and (2) an offensive emphasis on runs. The latter (a ball-control offense) will not be a new idea to Grant—but in their self-congratulatory stance last year after bringing back Tarkenton, the Vikes sort of forgot it.

Grant himself remains the most candid and probably the most articulate coach in football in matters of self-analysis. He not only sees the problem clearly, he admits it. The Vikings, he admits, have been tardy in adjusting defensively to ball-control running attacks. They were still playing pass last year, defensively, when everybody was running at them. In the light of last year's 7-7 record, Grant says,

significantly: "We don't anticipate any change in personnel this year—but we might have to change our strategy."

(In other words: It was my fault.)

Elaborating, he says: "Defensively, we might have to change our deployment, or strategy, to cut off the run a little more. We may have to play a stronger inside defense and stop the run first, then maybe have to guess with them a little bit more—to guess when they're going to pass."

In a classic statement on 1970s pro football, Grant says: "Teams are attacking our defense different than they used to. . . . Last year they would try to beat us with the running game. They didn't want to subject themselves to our pass rush and zone pass coverage. They didn't feel they could complete a high percentage of passes against us, so they tried to control the ball on the ground."

Exactly.

"We were one of the first," says Grant, "to turn our defensive line loose, to say the heck with it and send them in. We figured our pursuit was good enough that we'd catch the other things. Now, teams will often run in a passing situation—say third and seven. They'll only gain a few yards, but they won't lose ten. They don't want to give our defense a chance to turn things around."

Those looking for an inside look at contemporary big-time football won't find a more authentic evaluation than that, from an expert, this whole year. Offensively in Minnesota the problem is the same—in reverse. For example, the Vikings have developed one of the league's best pass-blocking lines in a running era.

Grant: "The protection for Tarkenton last year was the best we've ever given a quarterback. Maybe we have to get better on blocking for the run."

It looked that way last year.

H. P. "BUD" GRANT, Coach.
Assistants: Bus Mertes, John Michels, Jerry Burns, Jack Patera, Neil Armstrong, Jocko Nelson.



FRAN TARKENTON, a winning quarterback, threw 18 TD passes in '72.

From a personnel standpoint, Minnesota's problem is a little different (a little worse) offensively than defensively. The defensive coaches have the horses; they just haven't been running in the right race. The offense lacks thoroughbreds in the backfield, where Clinton Jones is the only class although every team needs an Oscar Reed.

Somewhat belatedly, the Vikings got interested in running backs this year and drafted several on high rounds, including Chuck Foreman of Miami (Fla.) No. 1 and Brent McClanahan of Arizona State.

Forget about quarterback in Minnesota at last. The Vikes have Fran Tarkenton.

In the pass offense their main problem is at the other end. As Grant says: "We still haven't been able to come up with a two-sided passing attack."

The principal reason they didn't have it last season was that Gene Washington was hurt again. He has had surgery in each of the last two years. Earlier, in the years when Washing-

ton was well and able, the Viking need was somebody like him on the other side. John Gilliam has supplied this deficiency, leading the club in catches last fall. If Washington and Gilliam are both at full speed this fall, the Vikings, with Tarkenton, will have a pass offense.

Reed was the backfield last season when Clint Jones was also hurt. An injury stopped Dave Osborn; Bill Brown can only play spots now and Grant doesn't know what to make of Ed Marinaro. A great deal depends this fall on rookie Chuck Foreman and the slick veteran, Jones. In a ball-control league, you can't control it if you can't run it. Given Grant's long-time interest in this aspect of football, he has been unlucky or remiss in fishing in a John Brockington or Larry Brown.

The picture in terms of personnel is much brighter in Minnesota's two lines, offensive and defensive. The performers there have simply been playing the wrong game. Almost certainly they can switch from passes to runs with no impairment in effectiveness.

The potential superstar, Ron Yary, and the wily veteran, Grady Alderman, play a lot of tackle. Ed White and John Ward



CARL GERSBACH (on turf), Vikings' linebacker, still manages to tackle TED KWALICK, 49er's pass receiver.

FRED COX, with PAUL KRAUSE holding, has career record of 978 points on 351 extra points and 209 FGs.



have youth and strength. And in the middle Minnesota has one of the NFL's most famous centers, Mick Tingelhoff. There is also experience in Milt Sunde and promise in Godfrey Zaunbrecher and Charles Goodrum. Minnesota is well off in offensive linemen, thanks to Grant's lifelong concentration on this aspect of his favorite game.

The defensive line, is, of course, even more brilliant, though injuries marred the scene last season when everybody played below par for much of the season. Grant: "Carl Eller hurt his knee in the last fifteen minutes of the last practice of training camp, and it bothered him more than people realized. Alan Page pulled a muscle in the preseason and was hampered until four or five games into the regular season. Gary Larsen had a great camp and then broke his arm. He wasn't right until mid-way through the season."



VIKING STARS (L-R): MICK TINGELHOFF, veteran center, often has been All-Pro; CLINT JONES, is club's fastest running back; RON YARY, bulwark of offensive line, and GENE WASHINGTON, long-time top-notch receiver.

That's three-fourths of the NFL's greatest defensive line under the weather during the crucial early portion of the season—where the action, good or bad, influences the self-confidence of the entire club through the last half of the season.

No. 4, Jim Marshall, was also hurt. But here's what Grant says about that: "Jim Marshall is the oldest of the group (35) but he is one of those rare people with the durability to play this game. There is no question he does get hurt from time to time, but it does not affect the caliber of his play. It makes no difference how much he hurts, his performance does not go down."

So injuries and ineffective strategy damaged the image of the Viking front four last years. The damage was not permanent.

At linebacker, where the Vikings have usually been underrated, they are even stronger with the maturing of their new middleman, Jeff Siemon of Stanford. Grant says flatly: "Siemon is a budding superstar."

Outside, Grant puts it this way: "With Roy Winston and Wally Hilgenberg we feel we have excellent people against both the pass and run. Winston's play has been of a high caliber since we've been here."

The depth is powerful: Carl Gersbach and Amos Martin.

Grant's league-leading ability to analyze football players precisely is illustrated in this description of his secondary: "Maybe Paul Krause should be faster and

Karl Kassulke should be taller and Bobby Bryant should be bigger. But put them together with a healthy Charlie West and they form what may be the best secondary—certainly in terms of statistics—in football."

The Vikes are served by one of the NFL's most reliable kickers, Fred Cox, who lacks only the range of the Europeans. Mike Eischeid is a handy punter.

1972 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Cox, 97 points on 34 XP, 21 field goals	5th
RUSHING —Reed, 151 carries for 639 yds., 4.2 Avg., 2 TDs	12th
PASSING —Tarkenton, 215 in 378 attempts for 265 yds., 18 TDs	3rd
RECEIVING —Gilliam, 47 receptions for 1035 yds., 7 TDs	5th
INTERCEPTIONS —Krause, 6 for 109 yds., 18.2 Avg., 1 TD	5th
PUNTING —Eischeid, 62 punts, 42.8 Avg., longest 61 yds.	3rd
PUNT RETURNS —West, 16 for 111 yds., 6.9 Avg.	6th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Gilliam, 14 for 369 yds., 26.4 Avg.	6th

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Aug. 11	PITTSBURGH (N)
18	AT Kansas City (N)
25	AT OAKLAND
31	MIAMI (N)
Sept. 8	AT San Diego (N)

1973 SCHEDULE

Sept. 16	OAKLAND
23	AT Chicago
30	GREEN BAY
Oct. 7	AT Detroit
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Nov. 4	CLEVELAND
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1972 Scores

—	10-13
7-23	34-10
17-20	—
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23-10	—
27-13	—

VIKINGS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
67	Alderman, Grady	T	6-2	247	34	14	Detroit
87	Beasley, John	TE	6-3	228	27	6	California
	Berry, Bob	QB	5-11	185	31	9	Oregon
30	Brown, Bill	RB	5-11	228	32	13	Illinois
	Brown, Terry	DB	6-0	205	26	4	Oklahoma, So. Carolina
20	Bryant, Bob	CB	6-1	170	29	6	Pittsburgh
14	Cox, Fred	K	5-10	200	34	11	Kentucky
71	Davis, Doug	T	6-4	250	29	8	Arizona St.
27	Demery, Calvin	WR	6-0½	190	23	2	Upper Iowa
11	Eischeid, Mike	P	6-0	190	31	7	Minnesota
81	Eller, Carl	DE	6-6	247	31	10	S.C. State
	Ganas, Rusty	DT/DE	6-5	250	24	3	W. Chester
56	Gersbach, Carl	LB	6-1	230	26	4	S.C. State
42	Gilliam, John	WR	6-1	195	28	7	Michigan
80	Henderson, John	WR	6-3	195	30	9	Iowa
58	Hilgenberg, Wally	LB	6-3	229	31	10	Mich. St.
26	Jones, Clint	RB	6-0	205	28	7	Drake
29	Kassulke, Karl	S	6-0	195	32	11	Iowa
22	Krause, Paul	S	6-3	200	31	10	Concordia
77	Larsen, Gary	DT	6-5	261	33	10	West. Mich.
75	Lurtsema, Bob	DE	6-6	250	31	7	Cornell
49	Marinara, Ed	RB	6-2½	212	23	2	Ohio St.
70	Marshall, Jim	DE	6-4	248	35	14	Louisville
55	Martin, Amos	LB	6-3	228	24	2	No. Dakota
41	Osborn, Dave	RB	6-0	208	30	9	Notre Dame
88	Page, Alan	DT	6-4	245	28	7	Iowa
	Randolph, Al	DB	6-2	205	29	7	Colo. St.
32	Reed, Oscar	RB	6-0	222	29	6	Stanford
50	Siemon, Jeff	LB	6-2½	230	23	2	Minnesota
64	Sunde, Milt	G	6-2	250	31	10	Superior
69	Sutherland, D.	DE	6-3	250	25	4	Georgia
10	Tarkenton, Fran	QB	6-0	190	33	13	Nebraska
53	Tingelhoff, Mick	C	6-2	237	33	12	Wisconsin
86	Voight, Stu	TE	6-1	200	25	4	Ola. St.
72	Ward, John	DE/G	6-4½	250	25	4	Mich. St.
34	Washington, G.	S/CB	6-1	197	28	6	El Paso
40	West, Charlie	S/CB	6-1	197	27	6	California
62	White, Ed	G	6-2½	268	26	12	L.S.U.
60	Winston, Roy	LB	5-11	222	33	12	Minnesota
23	Wright, Jeff	S	5-11½	190	24	3	S. Diego St.
43	Wright, Nate	CB	5-11	180	25	4	So. Calif.
73	Yary, Ron	T	6-5½	255	27	6	LSU
51	Zaunbrecher, G.	C	6-1	240	27	3	

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Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Abbott, Fred	LB	6-3	222	23	Florida
Barnum, Tom	LB	6-1	232	24	MSU
Brown, John	RB	5-11½	206	23	S.W. Tex. St.
Chandler, Tony	RB	6-0	191	22	Mo. Valley
Darling, Craig	T	6-3½	235	23	Iowa
Dibbles, Larry	DE	6-4½	241	22	New Mexico
Foreman, Chuck	RB	6-1½	206	23	(Miami) (Fla.)
Gilson, George	LB	6-0	225	24	Monmouth
Goehl, Charles	DB	5-10	185	22	Monmouth
Goodrum, Charles	G	6-3	256	23	Fla. A&M
Graff, Neil	QB	6-2	195	23	Stout St.
Holmes, Reggie	DB	6-1	195	28	No. Ill.
Hoover, John	DE	6-3	235	24	Dayton
Jaye, Steve	G	6-4	245	22	Minot St.
Just, Ron	G	6-3½	242	22	Oklahoma
Kelly, Tom	K	6-0	180	28	Minnesota
Kingsriter, Doug	TE	6-2	222	23	Wisconsin
Lana, Pete	WR	6-3	208	22	No. Dak. St.
Lash, Jim	WR	6-1	192	22	No. western
Lee, Randy	P/DB	6-3	199	22	Tulane
Mason, Dave	DB	6-0	199	24	Nebraska
McClanahan, B.	RB	5-10	194	22	Arizona St.
Murdock, Geary	G	6-1	284	22	Iowa St.
Nelson, Jan	G	6-3	260	22	Minnesota
Odom, John	WR	6-3	200	24	Texas Tech
Pittman, Caesar	DB	6-0	205	22	Arizona
Setzler, Steve	DE	6-4	250	23	St. John's
Smiley, Larry	DE	6-4	240	23	Tex. So. ern
Spencer, Alan	WR	6-3	195	22	Kan. St. (Pitt.)
Wallace, Jackie	DB	6-2	188	22	Arizona
Wegis, Rick	DB	6-1	197	24	Cal Poly (SLO)
Wells, Mike	QB	6-5	225	22	Illinois
Winfield, Dave	TE	6-6	220	22	Minnesota

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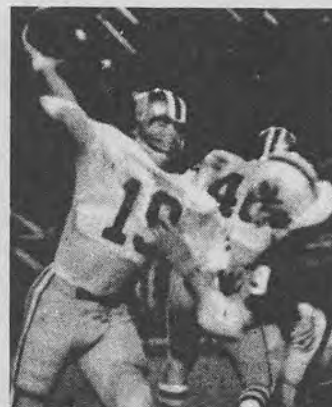


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DETROIT LIONS

PREDICTION 3RD

The Detroit Lions have proved for years that good offensive teams win games but not titles in pro ball. Their offense is possibly the NFL's best. Their defense isn't.

So in recent summers there has always been one question about the Lions: Has their defense improved? But that isn't the only question in Detroit this time. The Lions have cleaned house on the coaching staff, setting up two 1973 questions: coaching and defense.

Don McCafferty, the new headman and a veteran winner, has put together an interesting new staff that includes Raymond Berry, the famous catcher, and two former head coaches, Ed Khayat and Bob Hollway. It is one of the most experienced staffs in the league, but it faces one large challenge: defense.

The Lions finished with a creditable 8-5-1 record last year (matching San Francisco, which won a division title with its 8-5-1) but gave up 290 points—the most in the ice box four. The worst problem has been in the defensive line, but there have been problems in the other departments as well.

What is McCafferty doing about them?

For one thing, he has assigned his two most experienced assistants to defense, Khayat and Hollway, who have spent their recent years running the Philadelphia Eagles and St. Louis Cardinals, respectively.

Hollway brings further credentials. He was the defensive coordinator at Minnesota in the years when Bud Grant put together perhaps the most feared NFL defense.

Hollway helped Grant fabricate the complex of zone defenses that brought about the zone revolution in pro ball as the 1960s melted into the 1970s. The other NFL zone leader was Baltimore—where McCafferty was coaching at the time.



MIKE LUCCI, middle linebacker, is Lions' veteran, starting his 12th season.

Thus in Detroit these two schools are now merged. McCafferty from the zone-or-blitz Colts and Hollway from the zoning Vikings.

Their product will not be entirely new in Detroit, which along with everybody else has been converting to zone-type defenses. But as recently as 1971, the Lions were relying so heavily on man-for-man defenses that some NFL quarterbacks regarded a visit to Detroit as a day off. Roman Gabriel's biggest game in recent years (a percentage of .773 on 17 completes of 22 attempts for an easy 21-13 win) came against the single-covering Lions in 1971.

It was in those days that Lem Barney was being criticized by Detroit fans for the touchdown passes that went over his head. The fact is that Barney is one of

football's great cornermen, perhaps the best of all; but like all good cornermen on man-for-man teams, he frequently draws the other team's best receiver alone. This enables the remaining Lions to double up on the rest of the enemy.

As strategy, this has been successful on many good teams. It was essentially Vince Lombardi's strategy on his Green Bay winners. But occasionally a Herb Adderley or Bob Jeter or Lem Barney does lose a touchdown, and whether this is decisive or merely an incident depends on what the rest of the football team does.

The Lions weren't enough football team, for whatever reason, to play man-for-man in a zone era, but that's academic now. McCafferty and Hollway will have them in some kind of

DON McCafferty, Coach.
Assistants: Rick Forzano, Leon McLaughlin, Ray Berry, Bob Hollway, Eddie Khayat, John Meyer.

Minnesota-Baltimore deployment; thus if there have been any imperfections of defensive philosophy recently in Detroit, those days are over.

Detroit's other defensive problem—possibly the main one—is not strategic but tactical. Their front four hasn't been able to do the job for the Lions.

Here again McCafferty is proceeding on what appears to be a winning course in terms of leadership. He has assigned his other head-coach recruit, Khayat, to Detroit's defensive line. On the face of it, this would seem to be one of the better new coaching assignments this season.

Khayat not only knows football but he's a disciplinarian who can be relied on to get the most out of the material he finds. If it is possible to build a front four in Detroit with the players available, Khayat will do it.

Khayat, Hollway and McCafferty will be working with basically the same players in Detroit this year. They may be helped by their top draft choice, defensive tackle Ernest Price of Texas A&I, but aside from Price, the improvement must come from leadership.

Offensively, on the other hand, the Lions must only maintain what they have—which is considerable.

Their offensive assets start with Quarterback Greg Landry, whom many of us rank with Roger Staubach just behind Joe Namath in football's top three. With a winning defense, Landry is a winning quarterback. Second, the Lions have equipped themselves with possibly the most effective offensive line in the league.

Third, they have receivers who can cover the entire field—inside with Charlie Sanders, wide and deep with the others. And fourth, they have talent and depth in the running positions.

Aside from Dallas, no other NFC team compares with Detroit offensively. In the other conference, Oakland compares (except at quarterback) and it may be that in a year or two, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati will both be ahead. But as of 1973, they probably aren't.

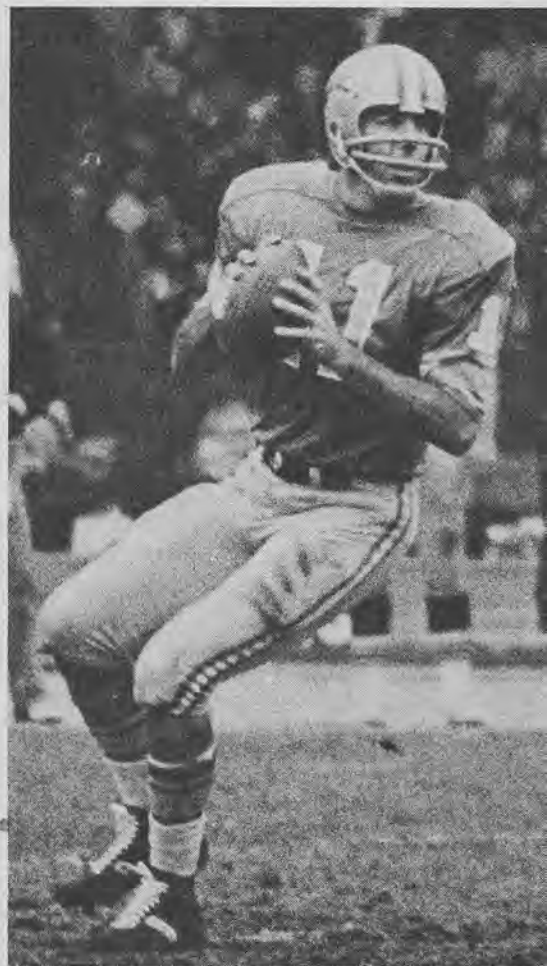


MIKE WEGER gives the Lions reliable protection in defensive backfield.

Landry, for instance, brings unique talents to his position (which Terry Bradshaw and others may match someday but not today). At 26, 6-4 and 210, Landry is about to move into his prime after five years in the league—more mature than Bradshaw, Jim Plunkett and the others coming up; tougher than Bob Griese, physically stronger than Namath and younger than Staubach.

In the zone era, Landry has the right kind of target, a 6-4 tight end, Sanders, whose wild upward and outward jumps make him the equivalent of 6-6. The NFL offers nothing finer than Sanders in his position, who may be equaled by one or two but is not exceeded. And at 27, he has most of his future in front of him.

At split end, the Lions have elevated Ron Jessie over Earl McCullouch, with Larry Walton at flanker. These are people who get around.



GREG LANDRY is one of best running QBs, having gained over 6500 yards.

In the backfield, McCafferty inherits all types, starting with a great halfback, Altie Taylor, and a fullback who always comes to play, Steve Owens. Behind them are such runners as Mel Farr, Nick Eddy and Mickey Zofko, and as their second draft choice this year the Lions named another back, Leon Crosswhite of Oklahoma. Yale's Dick Jauron was also drafted, and if you saw Jauron in action on college fields you probably agree he has a chance in the pros.

This is an admirable collection of ballcarrying talent. In a running era, the Lions can run. Some think they overestimated Crosswhite, whose performance at Oklahoma was helped by the fact that he ran at fullback out of the wishbone on a team surrounded by good college players. But when the Lions drafted Owens, that choice was criticized too. The Lions laughed last then and may again.

Despite their backs and receivers, the Lions may be offensively strongest in their line. Another way to look at Landry and Owens is to suggest that their blockers made them what they are.

From left to right, McCafferty inherits Jim Yarbrough, 26; Chuck Walton, 32; center Ed Flanagan, 29; Frank Gallagher, 30, and Rockne Freitas, 27, with Bob Kowalkowski, Dave Thompson and others in reserve.

So the Lions have an offense. But in their defensive line, they have not recently been able to get the pass-rushing that is indispensable to success in pro ball. Though the emphasis on running in the NFL slightly reduces the once omnipotent effect of a pass rush, you still need more than the Lions have shown.

For 1973 they are thinking of Jim Mitchell, 24, and Larry Hand, 33, at defensive ends, with Bob Bell, 25, and Larry Woods, 25, at defensive tackles—with top-choice Ernest Price, 23, listed behind Bell.

Two years ago, Bell was Detroit's top choice. Last year, Herb Orvis was—and Orvis is now listed behind Mitchell. Woods was a fourth round choice the year the Lions rang for Bell. Thus they have been trying to compile a front four—and maybe Khayat will prove they've done it. In any case, this is where the improvement must be made in Detroit.

At linebacker, the Lions now offer Paul Naumoff, Mike Lucci and a third-year man, Charlie

Weaver, from left to right. Wayne Walker and Dick LeBeau have taken themselves out of the defense with retirements, but the linebacking department seems strong enough.

So does the secondary with Barney and Rudy Redmond now at the corners and Mike Weger and Wayne Rasmussen at safety. In a zone-principle defense, these defensive backs and linebackers appear to have the blend of strengths you need—provided the line can get a rush.

McCafferty has changed everything on the Detroit club, from coaches to terminology to philosophy. No present Detroit coach ever coached (or even played) there before. Moreover, the new coaches are forcing the old Detroit players to learn a new code. Either the players would have to learn new terminology or the coaches would—and the players can see how that problem was solved. As for philosophy, it is now variety, both on offense and defense. This may be the start of a new deal.

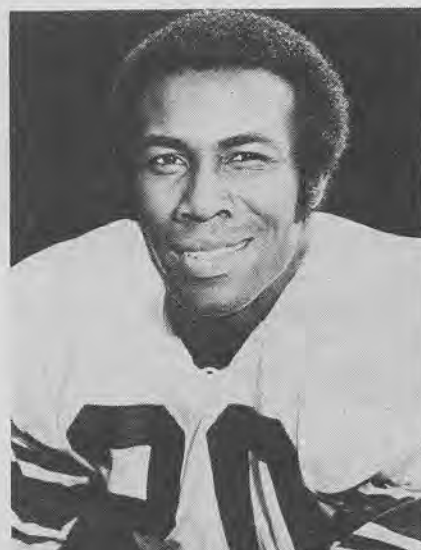
1972 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Mann, 98 points on 38 XP, 20 field goals	4th
RUSHING —Taylor, 154 carries for 658 yds., 4.3 Avg., 4 TDs	11th
PASSING —Landry, 134 in 268 attempts for 2066 yds., 18 TDs	6th
RECEIVING —Taylor, 29 receptions for 250 yds., 2 TDs	28th
INTERCEPTIONS —Barney, 3 for 88 yds., 29.3 Avg.	20th
PUNTING —H. Weaver, 43 punts, 40.3 Avg., longest 55 yds.	8th
PUNT RETURNS —Barney, 15 for 108 yds., 7.2 Avg.	4th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Jessie, 23 for 558 yds., 24.3 Avg.	10th

Pre-season Games

Aug. 3 AT Washington (N)
13 AT Kansas City (N)
18 Balt. at Memphis, Tenn. (N)
24 AT Cincinnati (N)
Sept. 1 AT Cleveland (N)
7 NEW ENGLAND (N)

1973 SCHEDULE	1972 Scores
Sept. 16 AT Pittsburgh	—
23 AT Green Bay	7-33
Oct. 1 ATLANTA (N)	26-23
7 MINNESOTA	10-34
14 AT New Orleans	27-14
21 BALTIMORE	—
28 GREEN BAY	23-24
Nov. 4 SAN FRANCISCO	—
11 AT Minnesota	14-16
18 AT Chicago	38-24
22 WASHINGTON	—
Dec. 2 AT St. Louis	—
9 CHICAGO	14-0
15 AT Miami	—



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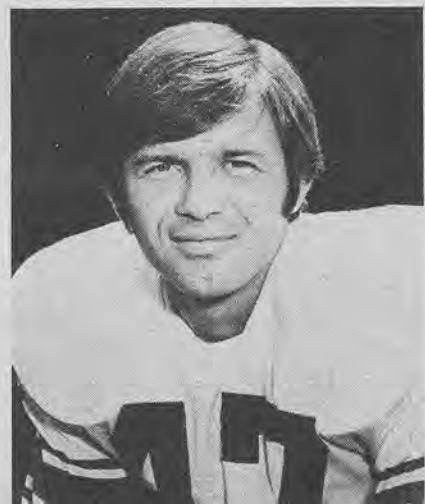
LIONS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
86	Barnes, Al	WR	6-1	170	24	3	N. Mex. St.
20	Barney, Lem	CB	6-0	188	27	7	Jackson St.
73	Bell, Bob	DT	6-4	250	25	3	Cincinnati
48	Campbell, Sonny	RB	5-11	195	25	3	No. Ariz.
17	Cappelman, Bill	QB	6-3	210	26	2	Florida St.
40	Eddy, Nick	RB	6-1	210	29	5	Notre Dame
24	Farr, Mel	RB	6-2	210	28	7	UCLA
54	Flanagan, Ed	C	6-3	245	29	9	Purdue
76	Freitas, Rockne	T	6-6	270	27	6	Oregon St.
68	Gallagher, Frank	G	6-2	245	30	7	No. Carolina
77	Gordon, John	DT	6-6	260	25	2	Hawaii
58	Hamlin, Gene	C	6-3	240	27	4	West. Mich.
74	Hand, Larry	DE	6-4	250	33	9	Appalachian
81	Hilton, John	TE	6-5	225	31	9	Richmond
31	Jenkins, Leon	DB	5-11	165	23	2	West Va.
89	Jessie, Ron	WR	6-0	183	25	3	Kansas
64	Jolley, Gordon	T	6-5	230	24	2	Utah
66	Kowalkowski, Bob	G	6-3	240	29	8	Virginia
11	Landry, Greg	QB	6-4	210	26	6	Mass.
53	Lucci, Mike	LB	6-2	230	33	12	Tennessee
12	Mann, Errol	K	6-0	200	32	6	No. Dakota
25	McCullough, Earl	WR	5-11	175	27	6	So. Calif.
83	Mitchell, Jim	DE	6-3	245	24	4	Va. State
62	Mooney, Ed	LB	6-2	225	28	5	Tex. Tech
19	Munson, Bill	QB	6-2	210	32	10	Utah St.
50	Naumoff, Paul	LB	6-1	215	28	7	Tennessee
58	Ogle, Rick	LB	6-3	230	24	2	Colorado
80	Orvis, Herb	DE	6-5	240	26	2	Colorado
36	Owens, Steve	RB	6-2	215	25	4	Oklahoma
27	Potts, Charlie	S	6-3	210	24	2	Purdue
67	Rasley, Rocky	G	6-3	250	26	4	Oregon St.
47	Rasmussen, Wayne	S	6-2	180	31	10	S. Dak. St.
46	Redmond, Rudy	CB	6-1	195	26	5	Pacific
88	Sanders, Charlie	TE	6-4	225	27	6	Minnesota
82	Sanders, Ken	DE	6-5	225	23	2	Hew. Payne
84	Schmiesing, Joe	DT	6-4	245	28	6	N. Mex. St.
71	Tatarek, Bob	DT	6-4	270	27	6	Miami
42	Taylor, Altit	RB	5-10	200	25	5	Utah St.
65	Thompson, Dave	C-G	6-4	260	24	3	Clemson
21	Thrower, Jim	QB	6-2	195	25	3	E. Tex. St.
63	Walton, Chuck	G	6-3	255	32	7	Iowa St.
49	Walton, Larry	WR	6-0	180	26	5	Ariz. St.
59	Weaver, Charlie	LB	6-2	218	24	3	So. Calif.
18	Weaver, Herman	P	6-4	210	24	4	Tennessee
28	Weger, Mike	S	6-2	200	27	7	Bowl. Green
70	Woods, Larry	DT	6-6	260	25	3	Tenn. St.
75	Yarbrough, Jim	T	6-5	265	26	5	Florida
34	Zofko, Mickey	RB	6-3	195	24	3	Auburn

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
78	Andrews, John	DT	6-5	275	22	Morgan St.
92	Belgrave, Earl	T	6-3	260	23	Ohio St.
33	Bledsoe, John	RB	6-1	215	22	Ohio St.
39	Bonner, Ray	DB	5-11	190	23	Mid. Tenn.
87	Brady, John	TE	6-3	215	22	Washington
79	Corey, Jay	T	6-4	250	23	Santa Clara
35	Crosswhite, Leon	RB	6-2	215	22	Oklahoma
38	Dean, Ira	DB	5-11	195	22	Baylor
43	Freeman, Scott	WR	6-3	170	23	Wyoming
90	Hansen, Dan	DB	6-2	195	23	Brig. Young
60	Henningan, Mike	LB	6-2	210	22	Tenn. Tech
30	Hooks, Jim	RB	5-11	225	22	Central St.
26	Jauron, Dick	RB	6-0	190	23	Yale
23	Johnson, Levi	DB	6-3	190	23	Tex. A&I
52	Laslavic, Jim	LB	6-2	225	22	Penn. St.
29	McCray, Prentice	DB	6-1	185	22	Ariz. St.
61	Moss, John	LB	6-5	220	23	Pittsburgh
91	Nickels, Larry	WR	6-0	175	22	Dayton
72	Price, Ernest	DT	6-4	255	23	Tex. A&I
45	Scott, Tom	WR	5-10	170	22	Washington

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CHICAGO BEARS

PREDICTION 4TH

The Chicago Bears were in transition last year, their owner, George Halas, likes to say. But it seems certain the period of transition is far from over. The other teams in the Bears' division are a little ahead of them, and until there is something approximating parity there will be evolution in Chicago.

Of all the remarkable things the Bears have done over the years, the most surprising was their decision last season to compete without a conventional T quarterback in the sport they invented: T formation football.

It seems impossible that they would attempt to do it again. But as Coach Abe Gibrón finalized his plans for a new season, he was still saying: "Bobby Douglass is my quarterback unless or until somebody beats him out for the job—and if that happens, why, he'll go out and take a job away from somebody else at another position."

The first part of that sentence is incredible and the second unrealistic. Douglass has undeniable virtues as a quarterback but not as a T formation quarterback. And whereas he is a great runner for a quarterback, it is doubtful if he could run well enough to make a living at any other position.

The truth about Douglass is that his fine talent is out of place in the NFL. It's a shame he wasn't at Austin when Darrell Royal put in the wishbone. Quite possibly Douglass, in that case, would have made a name for himself as a wishbone quarterback that would have lived forever.

But pro teams either can't or won't play wishbone football. It seems to be the consensus that wishbone quarterbacks would be killed by pro linebackers. In any case, nobody will give it a try, and so Douglass is a man without a country. He would be an excellent wishbone passer, the best yet, but he doesn't throw ac-

curately enough to be a conventional pro passer.

And the only wonder is that the Bears have spent so many years proving that point without seeing it themselves.

Except at quarterback the Bears are not a bad football team. They scrap hard. Curiously, Coach Gibrón says only 90 per cent of his hands scrap hard, but those who play against the Bears put the estimate far higher—and it seems likely that if they were led by a Joe Namath or Roger Staubach, the Bear effort would be close to 100 per cent. It's frustrating to play for a team that can't win, and sooner or later

ABE GIBRON, Coach.

Assistants: Zeke Bratkowski, Chuck Cherundolo, Whitey Dvelling, Jerry Stoltz, Perry Moss.



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the frustration turns to apathy. Apathetic players are easy to beat.

Most Chicago games of recent years (regardless of who's coaching) have gone the same way. First, the Bears demonstrate they can't score. Second, that leaves a vacuum which the other team quickly fills by scoring two or three times. It takes advantage of the impotent Chicago offense, in other words, to open up a lead. Third, Bear opponents seem to lose interest in the second half. It isn't much fun beating a horse that can't fight back. Thus the opponents relax. Thus, fourth, another void is created—and this

time the Bears jump into it and score a few times themselves.

This is the pattern almost every week. The Bears almost never score first, but they score a lot of points in the second half when the game is over.

This is typical, of course, of other teams that have trouble scoring, but it's tough on players like Dick Butkus who have Super Bowl ability without the means to get there. Last year Butkus recovered four fumbles, among other things, running the string to 24 lifetime recoveries of opponents' fumbles—the all-time NFL record. Players with that much zest are entitled to be rewarded.

The big question in Chicago this year is whether the five players uncovered during the first two rounds of the draft will make much difference. Including two who came in draft-oriented trades, the five new Bears are Carl Garrett, New England halfback; Craig Cotton, Detroit tight end; Gary Huff, Florida quarterback, and two defensive linemen, Wally Chambers of Eastern Kentucky (the eighth man drafted

this winter) and Gary Hrivnak of Purdue.

Nobody knows whether Huff is an NFL quarterback (or when he will prove it if he is) and nobody knows for sure about the other rookies, Chambers and Hrivnak. But there is a suspicion that Cotton will prove the most useful Bear tight end since Mike Ditka. And there are no doubts about the ability of Garrett.

As a running back, Garrett at 25 is a 5-11 210-pound flyer who is to be ranked with the nation's four or five most useful running backs. The Bears already had a good one of that weight (and more height), Cyril Pinder, but didn't see fit to slip him into the lineup often. Maybe Garrett will have his troubles there, too. Maybe you have to be a Jim Harrison (6-4, 235) to make your own way on a team without a quarterback.

It's hard to be sure. The only thing you are sure of, in fact, is that the Bears need better passing than they had last year to contend this year.

Huff (6-0, 195) can pass. His career percentage at Florida State was more than 54. On the evidence of recently in the NFL, however, it takes several years to build a pro quarterback. Jim Plunkett made it as a rookie—but for whatever reason, his team hasn't gone anywhere. The best guess is Gibrion means it when he says Douglass is his quarterback. It could be mid-season before much of Huff is seen.

At the other positions Gibrion is less informative. He opted against furnishing a tentative starting lineup again this spring but the Chicago backfield, in all probability, will include Garrett and Harrison unless Joe Moore rises to the occasion that made him a top draft choice a couple of years ago. They're all pretty good, including Pinder.

With Cotton at tight end, the Bears may move their leading receiver of last year, Earl Thomas, to an outside position. Thomas is a bit heavy for a wide receiver, 224, but he has the credentials. At the other side the Bears have George Farmer.

Among their linemen are Lionel Antoine, Jim Cadile, Bob

Asher, Randy Jackson, Ernie Janet, Rich Coady and others. Gibrion suggests you pull the starters out of your hat.

The defensive line has Bill Staley, Jim Osborne, Willie Holman, Steve DeLong, Dave Hale, Larry Horton, Tony McGee, perhaps Andy Rice and one or two others.

Chicago's linebackers tend to make any front four or deep four look pretty good. Gibrion will line up Butkus, Doug Buffone and Ross Brupbacher, with Jimmy Gunn in reserve; and whereas there may be comparable units elsewhere in the league, few surpass it.

Joe Taylor, Charlie Ford, Craig Clemons, Garry Lyle and Jerry Moore are in the group playing defensive back.

The Chicago placekicker is Mac Percival, who produced 12 field goals last semester, most of them short. Only two were over 40 yards. The punter is Bobby Joe Green.

Owner Halas, who founded the Bears in 1920 or thereabouts and who was still coaching them 47 years later, viewed the situation

DICK BUTKUS: Is he the greatest middle linebacker in football annals?



BOBBY DOUGLASS set rushing mark of 968 yards for quarterbacks in '72.



optimistically between seasons, calling 1972 a transitional year. Continuing, Halas said:

"The progress Abe made is encouraging. He restored discipline without bruising any egos and he re-installed organization with an objective. His enthusiasm and competitive drive were contagious and team morale remained high right through the final game of the schedule."

For a cellar team, the Bears last year made some statistical history. They got 35 turnovers and lost 35 but looked better than the combined opposition in this regard. Their opponents scored four cheap touchdowns on turnovers and set up 17 field goals or touchdowns. The Bears, on the other hand, scored only once on a turnover and set up but nine touchdowns and field goals with interceptions and recovered fumbles. This seemed to indicate Chicago's opponents were luckier if not better than the Bears. And according to Gibrion, it portends well for the future.

As he starts his fifth season in pro ball, Douglass will have in mind one of the most unusual records ever set by a pro back. On the ground last year Douglass gained 968 yards—three or four times more than most running backs. No other NFL quarterback ever came close to 968.

This is not to say Douglass is the NFL's most gifted running

quarterback. Roger Staubach runs more like a pro halfback than does Douglass. Archie Manning and Greg Landry have an idea of what it's all about. But unlike Staubach, Landry, Manning and the NFL's other running quarterbacks, Douglass is a sub-par passer. For him it's either run or else.

Twice last year Douglass came



LIONEL ANTOINE could be starter following impressive rookie season.

1972 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Percival, 62 points on 26 XP, 12 field goals	14th
RUSHING —Douglass, 141 carries for 968 yds., 6.9 Avg., 8 TDs	6th
PASSING —Douglass, 75 in 198 attempts for 1246 yds., 9 TDs	12th
RECEIVING —Thomas, 20 receptions for 365 yds., 3 TDs	49th
INTERCEPTIONS —Ford, 7 for 104 yds., 14.9 Avg.	2nd
PUNTING —Green, 67 punts, 41.2 Avg., longest 58 yds.	6th
PUNT RETURNS —Smith, 26 for 163 yds., 6.3 Avg.	9th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Smith, 30 for 924 yds., 94-yard TD	1st

Pre-season Games

Aug. 4	Green Bay at Mil. (N)
11	AT Houston (N)
18	AT Miami (N)
26	AT Buffalo
Sept. 1	ST. LOUIS (N)
9	AT Washington (N)

1973 SCHEDULE

Sept. 16	DALLAS
23	MINNESOTA
30	AT Denver
Oct. 7	AT New Orleans
14	AT Atlanta
21	NEW ENGLAND
28	HOUSTON
Nov. 4	AT Green Bay
12	AT Kansas City (N)
18	DETROIT
25	AT Minnesota
Dec. 2	LOS ANGELES
9	AT Detroit
16	GREEN BAY

1972 Scores

13-10
21-37
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24-38
10-23
13-13
0-14
17-23

up with 100-yard days as a runner. He averaged 6.9 and scored 17 of the Bears' 27 touchdowns. But Chicago won only four games, and the future may not be greatly different so long as Douglass is at the controls. He completed only 37.9 per cent of his attempts last year, lowest in NFL history for a regular quarterback—and a slight improvement wouldn't be enough.

Huff impressed Gibrion at the Bears' rookie camp this year. The coach said afterward: "Gary is very knowledgeable about the pass coverages. He faced a lot of zone in college."

He will face more as a pro. The immediate future does not look Super in Chicago.

BEARS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
79	Antoine, Lionel	T	6-6	255	23	2	S. Illinois
74	Asher, Bob	T	6-5	250	25	3	Vanderbilt
31	Brubacher, Ross	LB	6-3	215	25	4	Tex. A&M
55	Buffone, Doug	LB	6-3	230	29	8	Louisville
51	Butkus, Dick	LB	6-3	245	30	9	Illinois
73	Buzin, Rich	T	6-4	250	28	6	Penn St.
72	Cadile, Jim	G	6-3	250	33	12	S. Jose St.
25	Clemons, Craig	CB	5-11	187	24	2	Iowa
53	Coady, Rich	C	6-3	245	28	3	Memphis St.
	Cotton, Craig	TE	6-4	210	25	5	Youngstown
87	DeLong, Steve	DE	6-2	254	30	9	Tennessee
10	Douglass, Bobby	QB	6-4	225	26	5	Kansas
43	Farmer, George	WR	6-4	214	25	4	UCLA
32	Ford, Charlie	CB	6-3	185	25	3	Houston
	Garrett, Carl	P	5-11	210	25	5	N. Mex. H'ds.
88	Green, Bobby Joe	P	5-11	175	37	14	Florida
30	Gunn, Jimmy	LB	6-1	220	24	4	So. Calif.
75	Hale, Dave	DT	6-8	255	26	4	Ottawa (Kan.)
35	Harrison, Jim	RB	6-4	235	24	3	Missouri
51	Holloway, Glen	G	6-3	250	24	4	N. Tex. St.
85	Holman, Willie	DE	6-4	250	28	6	S.C. State
38	Holmes, Robert	RB	5-9	221	27	6	Southern
64	Horton, Larry	DT	6-4	248	24	2	Iowa
7	Huarte, John	QB	6-0	185	30	7	Notre Dame
65	Jackson, Randy	T	6-5	250	29	7	Florida
59	Janet, Ernie	G	6-4	250	24	2	Washington
29	Jeter, Bob	CB	6-1	200	36	11	Iowa
33	Kosins, Gary	RB	6-1	215	24	2	Dayton
36	Lawson, Roger	RB	6-2	215	23	2	West Mich.
67	Line, Bill	DT	6-7	260	24	2	SMU
44	Lyle, Garry	S	6-2	198	27	6	Geo. Wash.
71	McGee, Tony	DE	6-4	250	24	3	Bishop
54	McKinney, Bill	LB	6-1	226	28	2	W. Tex. St.
18	Moore, Jerry	S	6-3	208	24	3	Arkansas
49	Moore, Joe	RB	6-1	205	24	2	Missouri
78	Newton, Bob	G	6-4	250	24	3	Nebraska
58	Osborne, Jim	DT	6-3	250	23	2	Southern
36	Parsons, Bob	TE	6-4	234	23	2	Penn St.
83	Percival, Mac	K	6-4	220	33	7	Tex. Tech
58	Pifferini, Bob	LB	6-2	226	23	2	UCLA
22	Pinder, Cyril	RB	6-2	210	26	5	Illinois
70	Rice, Andy	DT	6-2	268	32	8	Tex. So'ern
53	Rowden, Larry	LB	6-2	220	24	3	Houston
84	Seymour, Jim	WR	6-4	210	27	4	Notre Dame
24	Shy, Don	RB	6-1	210	27	7	S. Diego St.
76	Staley, Bill	DT	6-3	250	26	5	Utah St.
20	Taylor, Joe	CB	6-1	200	32	7	N.C. A&T
82	Thomas, Earl	TE	6-3	224	24	3	Houston
21	Turner, Cecil	WR	5-10	176	29	6	Cal Poly SLO
89	Wallace, Bob	TE	6-3	220	27	6	El Paso

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Barry, Bill	WR	6-3	193	22	Mississippi
Chambers, Wally	DE	6-6	250	21	East Ky.
Cieszkowski, J.	RB	6-2	230	23	Notre Dame
Creaney, TE-C	6-4	232	22	Notre Dame	
Deutsch, Mike	RB	6-2	225	22	No. Dakota
Ellis, Allen	DB	5-11	185	21	UCLA
Graham, Conrad	DB	6-1	184	21	Tennessee
Griffin, Mike	G	6-2	241	21	Arkansas
Hart, Bill	C	6-4	227	22	Michigan
Hrivnak, Gary	DT	6-5	233	22	Purdue
Huff, Gary	QB	6-0	195	22	Florida St.
Juenger, Dave	WR	6-1	185	21	Ohio U.
Rives, Don	LB	6-2	215	21	Tex. Tech
Roach, Larry	DB	5-11	178	21	Oklahoma
Seigler, Eddie	PK	6-0	173	22	Clemson



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The San Francisco 49ers have more resources and fewer question marks than most of their competition this year in their division, their conference and their league. They also have the best background, speaking of the immediate past in the National West.

San Francisco is the only NFL team that has won three straight divisional championships.

This is a curious turnabout from the history of all the years in that town. Until Coach Dick Nolan led the 49ers to the championship of the West in 1970 they had never won any kind of title. The AFL-NFL merger was their turning point. Since peace came to pro football they have been on a rampage.

It is, however, a rampage that stops short of the Super Bowl. The 49ers have never got that far. The good fortune it takes to make the last big game of the long American football season has been lacking in San Francisco.

This remains a bad luck town. One year the 49ers had a championship in the bag at halftime of their last game only to blow it, unaccountably, in 30 minutes. Last winter they had Dallas on the ropes in their last game just before the slippery Cowboys rolled off and, amazingly, won.

Football is that kind of game. You don't get much time to prove it in football. The better team doesn't always win. In baseball, it can be taken for granted that after playing every day for six months, the better team is the one that won the most games.

And although the World Series is relatively briefer than the long season—meaning that occasionally the hotter or luckier team can prevail—it is still a seven-game test against the Super Bowl's one. Quite probably, in a super series of several games, the champions of the first seven



STEVE SPURRIER filled in at quarterback in JOHN BRODIE's absence.

Super Bowls would not all have stood up.

Nor can it be said that in a longer playoff series, San Francisco would invariably have been a loser these last three years.

Taken in the context of their history, the 49ers are still a team with problems in the luck department.

In terms of personnel, however, their problems this year are fewer. They seem to think they have some troubles in the offensive backfield and at middle linebacker, and perhaps they do, but these problems don't really seem serious.

Vic Washington is a typically useful NFL halfback, meaning he can run a bit and catch pretty well. And at fullback, Ken Willard is only 30. Although Willard's last couple of seasons have not been as brilliant as some of his earlier ones, he's a contributor.

At middle linebacker, the 49ers have seldom been satisfied with either Ed Beard or Frank Nunley, but they haven't been that unhappy with either.

The way to understand the 49ers is to recognize that they're not really weak either in the backfield or at middle linebacker—where the expression "journeyman" probably covers the mat-

DICK NOLAN, Coach.

Assistants: Mike Giddings, Jim Shofner, Paul Wiggin, Doug Scovil, Don Heinrich, Chet Franklin, Dick Stanfel.

ter—but that some of their other departments are so strong as to make them wonder about the two that aren't.

In San Francisco, a lot of fine running backs would seem rather pale in a lineup decorated by not one but two superstars, Gene Washington and Ted Kwalick. Now that Miami has quit throwing the ball to Paul Warfield, or anybody, Washington can be ranked as football's No. 1 wide receiver. Kwalick, at tight end, is up there with the top two or three in what has become a tight end's league.

The truth about the 49ers is that they are a team without a weakness at any position and with depth in most.

Steve Spurrier erased the last question mark last season and joins now with John Brodie to give San Francisco an envious quarterback department. On the day when one man can't do it this season the other probably will.

It has been customary in recent seasons to worry about San Francisco's quarterbacking. Brodie, despite the great accuracy built into his right arm, has not been without critics in the NFL. And until last year, Spurrier, obviously competent, hadn't done it.

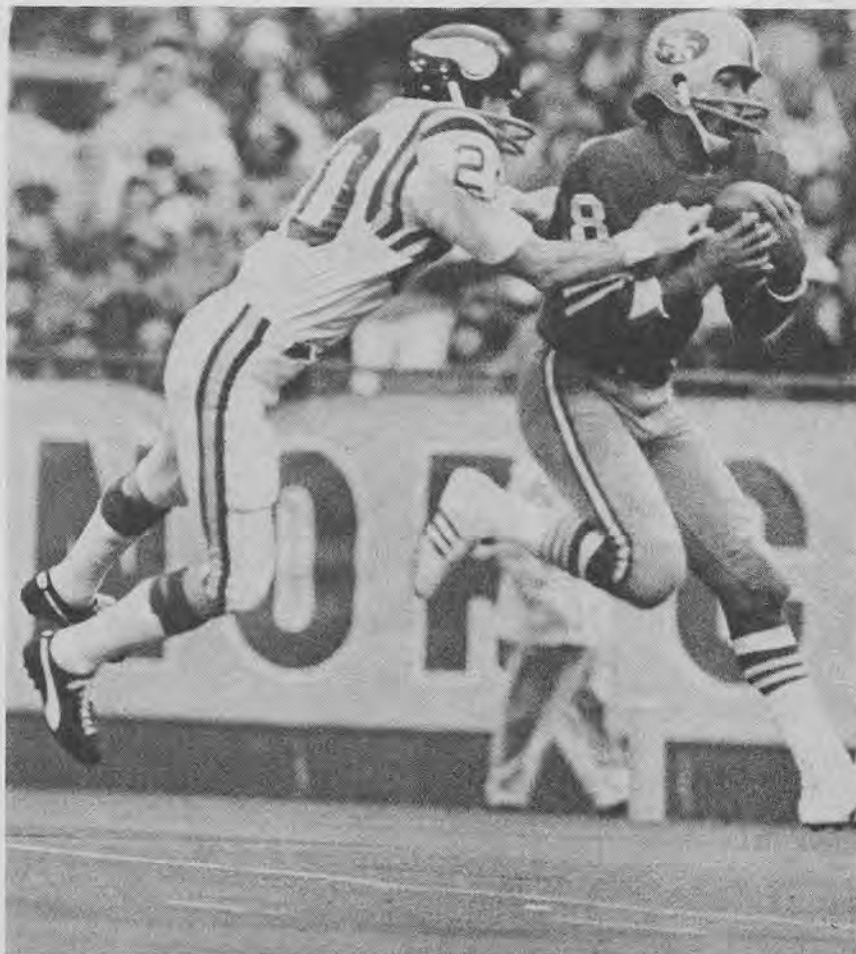
Those worries are now over in San Francisco. At 37 last December, Brodie demonstrated that his skills are unimpaired. He came off the bench to spank Minnesota in the decisive game of the season. And at 28 last year, Spurrier built a 5-2 record during the half-year he was in charge. Project that to a full year, and you have a 10-4 that is usually going to be enough in the highly competitive West.

It would seem that Coach Nolan will have to find a way to use both quarterbacks this fall. Spurrier appears to be the likely



TED KWALICK was near-unanimous All-Pro choice after catching 40 passes.

DAVE WILCOX of 49ers is regarded as one of game's finest linebackers.



GENE WASHINGTON, swift and clever wide receiver, outmaneuvers Vikings' BOB BRYANT for one of his 46 catches and 12 touchdowns in 1972 season.

starter, but you can't just let Brodie sit there. His record against Minnesota and Washington suggests Brodie should play those two, and there are doubtless others.

For one of the few times since 1951, when the Rams alternated Bob Waterfield and Norm Van Brocklin to win a world championship, some kind of rotation plan seems advisable this season in San Francisco.

The backfield "problem" should be assessed in light of the fact that the 49ers have quantity to help ease their worries over quality. Larry Schreiber, Jimmy Thomas, Bill Tucker, Doug Cunningham, Ken Willard and Vic Washington may not be all you want in the backfield but as a group they can contribute.

San Francisco's receiving leads the West, probably the conference and possibly the league. Washington and Kwalick, the club's two first-round draft

choices in 1969, enter their fifth year of pro ball as All-Pros. Last year's No. 1, Terry Beasley, a victim of many strange injuries, will be competing with John Isenbarger, Jubilee Dunbar and others at flanker. The depth at tight end is reliable Dick Witcher.

The offensive line, when it has its health, is conceivably San Francisco's strongest department and a rival to Detroit's for first in the NFL. The injuries that slowed down 49er linemen last fall are not likely to recur. Veteran pro linemen don't take that many injuries.

To be considered for greatness, an offensive line must include at least one All-Pro, and San Francisco's is center Forrest Blue. There are three steady guards, Randy Beisler, Elmer Collett and Pro Bowler Woody Peoples, with more depth in Jean Barrett, last year's No. 2 draftee.

Tackles Cas Banaszek and Len Rohde are backed up by

John Watson to give San Francisco an advantage that Los Angeles and Atlanta will somehow have to make up to contend.

The defensive line led the NFL last year in sacks (46) despite the fact that, like the offensive line, it was seldom at full strength. Earl Edwards, considered one of football's most underrated defensive tackles, and end Cedrick Hardman were both subpar physically in 1972.

At the other end, however, Tommy Hart settled into his position to lead the 49ers in performance. And at the other tackle, Charlie Krueger is a reliable veteran. Including the depth (Bob Hoskins and Bill Belk) San Francisco has an even wider advantage over its Western competition in the defensive line than in the offense. If there are no Claude Humphreys, Hart ain't bad.

The 49ers are somewhat uneven at linebacker but this is largely because of Dave Wilcox' brilliance. At 30 Wilcox is finally recognized as possibly the game's outstanding outside backer. Beard and Nunley may not be what the 49ers want in the middle, but Skip Vanderbunt and the veteran backup, Jim Sniadecki, are solid outside if not quite in Wilcox' class. Taking the last ten years of NFL football, few are.

The 49ers, thinking of the future, drafted a defensive back No. 1 this season. He is Mike Holmes of Texas Southern who, the 49ers think, can play either

corner or safety. He may not get the chance this season. Barring injuries, Jimmy Johnson and Bruce Taylor are the San Francisco corners with Mel Phillips



BRUCE GOSSETT, kicking, is 10th in all-time NFL scoring with 869 points.

1972 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Gossett, 95 points on 41 XP, 18 field goals	7th
RUSHING —V. Washington, 141 carries for 468 yds., 3.3 Avg., 3 TDs	20th
PASSING —Spurrier, 147 in 269 attempts for 1983 yds., 18 TDs	5th
RECEIVING —G. Washington, 46 receptions for 918 yds., 12 TDs	7th
INTERCEPTIONS —Johnson, 4 for 18 yds., 4.5 Avg.	17th
PUNTING —McCann, 64 punts, 39.7 Avg., longest 63 yds.	10th
PUNT RETURNS —McGill, 22 for 219 yds., 10.0 Avg.	3rd
KICKOFF RETURNS —V. Washington, 27 for 771 yds., 98-yard TD	3rd

Pre-season Games

July 28	New England at Canton, O.
Aug. 6	AT Cleveland (N)
11	N.Y. Jets at Tampa, Fla. (N)
19	SAN DIEGO
26	DENVER
Sept. 1	AT Oakland (N)
7	AT Los Angeles (N)

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15	PITTSBURGH

1972 Scores

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16-26	—
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20-17	—
20-20	—
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24-34	—
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37-2	—
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at strong safety and Mike Simpson free. This could be the best secondary in the Division.

Bruce Gossett is the 49er kicker, Jim McCann the punter.

The schedule is a tough one for the 49ers. It brings them against most of last winter's playoff teams, including the Super Bowl finalists (Miami and Washington) as well as Green Bay and Pittsburgh.

49ers' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
79	Banaszek, Cas	T	6-3	254	27	6	No'western
50	Beard, Ed	LB	6-2	216	33	9	Tennessee
83	Beasley, Terry	WR	5-10	184	22	2	Auburn
65	Beisler, Randy	G	6-5	261	28	8	Indiana
72	Belk, Bill	DE	6-4	256	27	6	Md. State
75	Blue, Forrest	C	6-5	261	28	6	Auburn
12	Brodie, John	QB	6-2	206	38	17	Stanford
66	Collett, Elmer	G	6-5	244	28	7	S. Fran. St.
42	Cunningham, D.	RB	5-11	200	28	7	Mississippi
74	Edwards, Earl	DT	6-7	260	27	5	Wichita
23	Fuller, Johnny	S	6-0	186	27	6	Lamar
30	Gossett, Bruce	K	6-1	204	31	10	Richmond
43	Hall, Windlan	S-CB	5-11	178	23	2	Arizona St.
86	Hardman, Ced.	DE	6-4	255	24	4	N. Tex. St.
53	Hart, Tommy	DE	6-4	245	28	6	Mor. Brown
56	Hoskins, Bob	DT	6-3	251	28	4	Wichita
54	Huff, Marty	LB	6-2	234	24	2	Michigan
17	Isenbarger, WR	RB	6-3	196	26	4	Indiana
36*	Jones, Greg	RB	6-1	205	25	3	UCLA
37	Johnson, Jimmy	CB	6-2	187	35	13	UCLA
70	Krueger, Char.	DT	6-4	255	36	15	Tex. A&M
78	Krueger, R.	DE-DT	6-4	253	25	5	Tex. A&M
82	Kwalick, Ted	TE	6-4	226	26	5	Penn St.
15	McCann, Jim	P	6-3	166	24	3	Arizona St.
49	McGill, Ralph	CB	5-11	183	23	2	Tulsa
57	Nunley, Frank	LB	6-2	229	27	7	Michigan
84	Olerich, Dave	LB	6-1	220	29	7	S. Fran. St.
69	Peoples, Woody	G	6-2	252	30	6	Grambling
32	Phillips, Mel	S	6-2	198	31	8	N.C. A&T
19	Reed, Joe	QB	6-1	195	25	2	Miss. St.
85	Riley, Preston	WR	6-0	187	24	4	Memphis St.
76	Rohde, Len	T	6-4	247	35	14	Utah St.
35	Schreiber, Larry	RB	6-0	210	25	3	Tenn. Tech
38	Simpson, Mike	S	5-9	170	26	4	Houston
11	Spurrier, Steve	QB	6-2	204	28	7	Florida
44	Taylor, Bruce	CB	6-0	193	25	4	Boston U.
24	Thomas, Jimmy	RB	6-2	214	26	5	Arlington
45**	Tucker, Bill	RB	6-2	223	30	6	Tenn. St.
52	Vanderbunt, S.	LB	6-3	225	26	5	Oregon St.
18	Washington, C.	WR	6-2	185	26	5	Stanford
22	Washington, V.	RB	5-11	197	26	3	Wyoming
67	Watson, John	T	6-4	249	24	3	Oklahoma
64	Wilcox, Dave	LB	6-3	241	30	10	Oregon
40	Willard, Ken	RB	6-1	219	30	9	No. Carolina
88	Witcher, Dick	TE	6-3	204	28	8	UCLA

* Last active with Buffalo in 1971.

** Last active with Chicago in 1971.

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Atkins, David	RB	6-1	202	24	El Paso
Barrett, Jean	T	6-6	253	22	Tulsa
Bettiga, Mike	WR	6-3	181	23	Humboldt
Beverly, Ed	WR	5-11	172	23	Arizona St.
Brice, Lawrence	RB	5-10	200	23	San Jose St.
Cooper, Otis	RB-WR	5-11	185	21	San Jose St.
Dahlberg, Tom	RB	6-2	209	22	G. Adolphus
Davis, Ron	DT-DE	6-3	243	23	Va. State
Dement, Bill	K	6-2	205	22	Angelo St.
Dunbar, Jubilee	WR	6-0	196	24	Southern
Erickson, Bob	G	6-3	240	22	No. Dak. St.
Fulk, Mike	LB	6-3	229	22	Indiana
Hammitt, Steve	C	6-5	255	23	Long Beach
Hardy, Edgar	G	6-4	233	22	Jackson St.
Harper, Willie	LB	6-2	205	23	Nebraska
Holmes, Mike	S-CB	6-1	180	22	Tex. So'ern
Hunt, Charlie	LB	6-3	218	22	Florida St.
Kelso, Allen	C	6-6	244	22	Washington
Lawson, Odell	RB	6-2	205	23	Langston
Manuel, Fred	S	5-11	173	24	Oregon
McCann, Marty	P	6-0	185	22	No'western
Miller, Jackie	S-CB	6-0	185	23	Eastern Ky.
Mitchell, John	LB	6-3	235	22	Alabama
Moore, Arthur	DT	6-5	253	22	Tulsa
Moore, Henry	LB	6-1	235	24	LaVerne
Morrison, Den.	QB	6-3	207	22	Kansas St.
Nottingham, Jim	P	6-0	195	22	Yale
Pettus, Larry	T	6-4	228	22	Tenn. St.
Praetorius, Rog	RB	6-3	228	22	Syracuse
Riley, Pat	RB	6-0	211	22	Boise St.
Saathoff, Rich	DT	6-7	270	27	El Paso
Taylor, Leo	RB	5-8	175	25	N. Tex. St.
Trower, Rich	DT	6-3	252	24	Miami
Wittum, Tom	P-K	6-1	185	23	No. Illinois
Vella, Chris	TE	6-3	235	22	So. Calif.
Young, Willie	T	6-4	268	26	Alcorn A&M

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The Atlanta Falcons in the last few years have developed most of the components of a winning football team. They have the receivers, runners, offensive line, linebackers, secondary and punting. This year they seem to be putting together a defensive line, and that will leave only two items, a quarterback and placekicker.

At quarterback they had one, Bob Berry, but Coach Norm Van Brocklin no longer speaks highly

of him. Although Berry completed 55.6 per cent of his attempts last year and finished as the league's fourth-ranked passer, Van Brocklin blamed the 7-7 season (a step backward from the 7-6-1 of 1971) on Bob and traded him to Minnesota.

"There's only one honest way you can grade a quarterback," Van Brocklin says obliquely. "Since the Falcons have progressed past the expansion stage, the only way you can judge a quarterback is by asking, can he win the championship or can he

NORM VAN BROCKLIN, Coach.
Assistants: Marion Campbell, Duane Putnam, Harry Gilmer, Bob Griffin, Fred Bruney, Billy Ray Barnes.

not? And his won-lost record is the yardstick."

If this seems a little unfair, it's immaterial in Atlanta. Van Brocklin is both the coach and general manager.

Even less realistically, the headman thinks he might be able to get Pat Sullivan ready to play quarterback this year. As a rookie last season, Sullivan attempted only 19 passes, completing three. To this day he has hardly been in a pro football training camp. Nonetheless, Van Brocklin says:

ART MALONE, stopped by Lions' LEM BARNEY, has 1372 yards rushing and 1003 yards on pass receptions in NFL.





CLAUDE HUMPHREY, defensive end, is among league's fiercest pass rushers.

"We consider Pat to be a strong candidate for the No. 1 job and he will have the opportunity in preseason games to show us he can do the job. We are very familiar with Pat's credentials, of course, and one of the ones that impresses us the most is that he has always been a winner."

In college, Van Brocklin means. Sullivan earned the Heisman Trophy in his senior year at Auburn. He was also impressive in the Chicago All-Star game last summer. But it is a considerable leap to pro ball—especially if he is expected to produce a winner instantly.

One thing that might help Sullivan is the NFL's current non-passing trend. Led by the coaches of Miami and Washington, who made the Super Bowl by resisting the temptation to throw the ball, the league's leading thinkers are hip deep at the moment in a ball-control movement.

The idea is to never throw the ball in a close game unless you

use a safe pass—a safe, short pass—that looks as much like a running play as you can make it look for as long as possible.

Van Brocklin is one of the coaches who have been impressed by this trend. Though he was a passer himself in his playing days, that whole train of thought eludes him now. He has built a running team and he likes to run.

Accordingly, Sullivan's chances of breaking in as a pro quarterback this season must be assessed as better than they would have as an NFL sophomore if he had come up five years ago.

Van Brocklin will, of course, be calling the plays from the sideline. And if Sullivan doesn't have to throw, that's two things he won't have to worry about. Not so long ago they were the most important two things in quarterbacking, but that era is gone.

What Sullivan has to learn primarily is the mechanics of playing pro quarterback—how to

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hand off the ball, and so forth. He will also have to know something about how to read defenses—not only because there will be times when he must pass but also because the defense might be stacked sometimes against the number of the running play Van Brocklin sends in.

Few pro quarterbacks excel as sophomores—last year, for instance, Jim Plunkett didn't—but if we're in an era when quarterbacks only throw when they're losing, Sullivan has some kind of chance to get ready.

The Falcons are well-equipped to play the dull modern running game. They have the first requirement, two backs who can run, Dave Hampton and Art Malone. Unfortunately, both participated in the spree of 42 fumbles (second in the conference) last season, a habit that will have to be changed. But when holding the ball they can run.

Van Brocklin also fields the kind of pass receiving that has to

be watched by a defense giving most of its thought to the run. Ken Burrow is an accomplished wide receiver who, if he had been born five years earlier, could have made a good living for himself. Like Paul Warfield, he is now mainly a handsome decoy.

At tight end, the Falcons deploy another receiver who can't be left unguarded, Jim Mitchell. If and when this becomes a passing league again, the Falcons will find themselves amply endowed in the catching department with Mitchell and Burrow. The other wide receiver is Wes Chesson.

On running plays, Mitchell joins in with a good offensive line to give Hampton and Malone the sort of blocking they cherish. The heart of the line is at tackle with George Kunz and Bill Sandeman. The Falcons also take pride in their center, Jeff Van Note.

With guard Andy Maurer they have four-fifths of a line and Dennis Havig makes five. The



JIM MITCHELL, a standout receiver, also is a swift, punishing blocker.

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DENNIS HAVIG (56) with teammates, intently watch game action from bench.

Atlanta line, which had shown some weaknesses in all previous Falcon seasons, seemed to come together finally last fall.

The defensive line, possibly, will come together this fall. For several years the Falcons have had half a front four, as personified by their defensive ends, Claude Humphrey and John Zook. Nobody argues with either.

But the inside positions have been a pain in the neck to Van Brocklin ever since he has been

in Atlanta. He has tried drafting for them, he has even tried to create them out of the red Georgia soil.

This year he hit on the solution, maybe. Between seasons, Van Brocklin asked himself: Of all the defensive linemen we saw in 14 weeks, who hurt us the most?

Refreshing his memory at the movie projector, Van Brocklin picked a guy named Mike Tilleman, who on a bad Houston

team last fall nevertheless rolled in to sack Atlanta quarterbacks three times. Atlanta's line is not that bad; Tilleman looked pretty good.

So Van Brocklin got on the phone and traded his first draft choice to Houston for Tilleman, a 6-7 giant weighing 272 with six years in the league. With Humphrey and Zook, Tilleman provides Atlanta with three-fourths of a front four—and the difference between that and two-fourths is unbelievable. You can hide one guy in a defensive line but not two, as Van Brocklin himself has been proving for years.

The fourth lineman, the Falcons hope, will be Greg Marx, their highest draft choice from Notre Dame. Mike Lewis would also do.

The Tilleman trade (assuming he is as good as the Falcons think) will have a beneficial effect on the whole defensive ball club. For instance, the fine linebackers can play linebacker now

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without having to worry unduly about their middle. These three are Don Hansen, Tommy Nobis and Greg Brezina—one of the better corps in the conference.

Atlanta's secondary was the first defensive department Van Brocklin fixed and so now, in addition to talent, it has experience. Ken Reaves, Tom Hayes, Ray Brown and Clarence Ellis have Pro Bowl skills, in some respects, although Van Brocklin is still not satisfied with their de-

FALCONS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
54	Allen, Grady	LB	6-2	229	27	6	Texas A&M
37	Bell, Bill	K	6-0	192	26	3	Kansas
28	Belton, Willie	RB	5-11	207	25	3	Md. State
51	Benson, Duane	LB	6-2	215	28	7	Hamline
50	Brezina, Greg	LB	6-0	226	27	5	Houston
34	Brown, Ray	S	6-1	208	24	3	W. Tex. St.
82	Burrow, Ken	WR	6-0	191	25	3	S. Diego St.
81	Chesson, Wes	WR	6-2	195	24	3	Duke
88	Condren, Glen	DT	6-3	251	31	8	Oklahoma
32	Easterling, Ray	S	6-0	195	24	2	Richmond
29	Ellis, Clarence	S	5-11	193	23	2	Notre Dame
69	Fritsch, Ted	C	6-2	239	23	2	St. Norbert
31	Germany, Willie	S	6-0	192	25	2	Morgan St.
65	Gotshalk, Len	T	6-4	244	24	2	Humboldt
43	Hampton, Dave	RB	6-0	210	26	5	Wyoming
58	Hansen, Don	LB	6-2	235	29	7	Illinois
56	Havig, Dennis	G	6-2	245	24	2	Colorado
27	Hayes, Tom	CB	6-1	199	27	3	S. Diego St.
87	Humphrey, C.	DE	6-4	252	29	6	Tenn. St.
6	James, John	P	6-3	197	24	2	Florida
46	Jarvis, Ray	WR	6-0	200	24	3	Norfolk St.
59	Jenke, Noel	LB	6-2	221	27	3	Minnesota
75	Kunz, George	T	6-5	257	26	5	Notre Dame
	Lee, Bob	QB	6-2½	195	28	5	Pacific
69	Lewis, Mike	DT	6-4	244	24	3	Ark. AM&N
25	Malone, Art	RB	5-11	211	25	4	Ariz. St.
77	Manning, Rosie	DT	6-5	256	23	2	N.E. Okla.
64	Maurer, Andy	G	6-3	265	25	4	Oregon
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35	Plummer, Tony	S	5-11	188	26	4	Pacific
23	Profit, Joe	RB	6-0	213	24	3	N.E. La.
44	Ray, Eddie	RB	6-2	240	26	4	LSU
36	Reaves, Ken	CB	6-3	210	28	8	Norfolk St.
61	Sandeman, Bill	T	6-6	252	31	8	Pacific
11	Shiner, Dick	QB	6-0	201	31	10	Maryland
66	Small, John	DT	6-4	269	27	4	Citadel
80	Snyder, Todd	WR	6-2	192	25	4	Ohio U.
7	Sullivan, Pat	QB	6-0	198	23	2	Auburn
74	Tilleman, Mike	DT	6-7	272	29	7	Montana
57	Van Note, Jeff	C	6-2	243	27	5	Kentucky
5	Wages, Harmon	RB	6-1	215	27	5	Florida
79	Walker, Chuck	DT	6-3	250	32	10	Duke
	Warwick, Lonnie	LB	6-3	238	31	8	Tenn. Tech
71	Zook, John	DE	6-4	243	26	5	Kansas

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Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Ainsworth, Greg	RB	6-0	195	23	Mississippi
Rebout, Nick	T	6-5	247	22	Wyoming
Buelow, Byron	CB	6-0	192	22	LaCrosse
Byrd, Mike	RS	5-10	189	23	Friends
Campbell, George	S	5-11	187	24	Iowa St.
Cannon, Sandy	WR	6-1	187	23	Auburn
Christopher, T.	LB	6-2	230	23	Tex. A&M
Clarke, Ray	S	6-0	190	23	Arizona
Ferguson, Rufus	RB	5-5	200	22	Wisconsin
Fraser, Steve	WR	6-0	185	23	Colgate
Gage, Tom	CB	5-11	165	22	Lamar Tech
Geredine, Tom	WR	6-2	195	23	N.E. Mo.
Hall, Larry	G	6-4	257	25	Weber St.
Hodge, Jim	WR	5-10	168	23	Arkansas
Homoly, Guy	CB	6-0	190	26	Illinois St.
Ingram, Russ	C	6-4	225	22	Tex. Tech
Jensen, F.	PK	5-11	165	24	Utah
Kipling, Gary	G	6-2	240	24	So. Dakota
Madeya, John	QB	6-4	212	22	Louisville
Marx, Greg	DT	6-4	260	23	Notre Dame
McDermott, Pat	PK	5-9	165	22	Tex. A&M
Mike-Mayer, Nick	K	5-8	186	23	Temple
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Morton, Tom	T	6-6	245	25	Tex. A&I
Phillips, Herbie	RB	5-11	205	23	Costa J.C.
Reed, Tom	G	6-3	243	23	Arkansas
Samples, Mike	DT	6-1	236	23	Drake
Smith, Jackie	CB	5-10½	185	23	S.C. State
Sovio, Henry	TE	6-3	234	24	Hawaii
Stecher, Chris	T	6-6	268	22	Cl.-Mudd
Williams, James	CB	6-0	170	27	Drake

fense against the run.

John James punts well for Atlanta. He is one of the few in the league with the talent and inclination to take a shot occasionally at a coffin corner. Atlanta's placekicker, Bill Bell, is no solace, however, to his coaches on cold Georgia weekends. They're looking for a replacement.

But a football team which, in the opinion of its head coach, lacks only a quarterback and a placekicker can't be all bad. The Falcons, in truth, seem to be on the doorstep leading to the NFL's highest echelon. This year they do resemble the team to which Van Brocklin prematurely compared them last year—the Dallas Cowboys' .500 team the year before Dallas got the play-off habit, which after seven winters still hasn't been shaken.

That Dallas team, just before the breakthrough, did have a quarterback, Don Meredith, and it was soon to acquire another, Craig Morton, and then another, Roger Staubach.

But the comparison otherwise is fairly apt. The Falcons have twice shown they can play .500 ball, which is a first requirement.

"In 1973," says Van Brocklin, "this team is not going to go on the field hoping to win. We're going on the field expecting to win every Sunday."

These are confident words, and only a man with a good defense would think of uttering them publicly. What does he say about that? He says:

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Van Brocklin can't think of a defensive problem. "Offensively," he says, "we must improve in getting the ball to our receivers, running after the catch and stop fumbling."

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He likes to emphasize that—as if he is talking to the troops. Are you listening, Nobis?

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RUSHING —Hampton, 230 carries for 995 yds., 4.3 Avg., 6 TDs	5th
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RECEIVING —Malone, 50 receptions for 585 yds., 2 TDs	3rd
INTERCEPTIONS —Hayes, 5 for 10 yds., 2.0 Avg.	6th
PUNTING —James, 61 punts, 42.8 Avg., longest 59 yds.	2nd
PUNT RETURNS —Belton, 17 for 110 yds., 6.5 Avg.	8th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Hampton, 25 for 535 yds., 21.4 Avg.	17th

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8	AT Pittsburgh (N)

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23	AT Los Angeles	7-20
Oct. 1	AT Detroit (N)	23-26
7	SAN FRANCISCO	14-49
14	CHICAGO	37-21
21	AT San Diego	—
28	AT San Francisco	0-20
Nov. 4	Los Angeles	31-3
11	AT Philadelphia	—
19	MINNESOTA (N)	—
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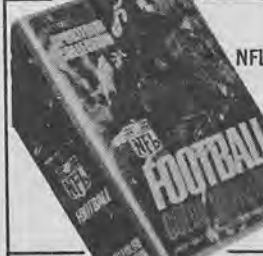
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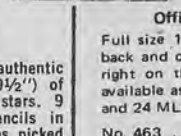
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The Los Angeles Rams are more difficult to fathom than any team in the league this year, although they have the look of a third-place team in their division. They're barred from finishing lower than third only because New Orleans can't be dislodged from the cellar. A team that won't be dislodged can't be dislodged.

It was under last year's administration, of course, that the Rams fell into third place after a long run as champion or runnerup in the West—and that administration is gone. Coach Tommy Prothro and the man who hired him, the late Dan Reeves, and their associates have been displaced. In their stead now is

a new crew used to winning. The new owner, Carroll Rosenbloom, rewards success and is intolerant of failure.

Before Rosenbloom moved to Los Angeles, the Rams fired five winning coaches in 25 years: Adam Walsh (15-5-1, .750), Clark Shaughnessy (14-7-3, .667), Joe Stydahar (17-7, .708), Hampton Pool (23-11-2, .676) and George Allen (49-17-4, .742).

Except for Allen, who was fired twice but wouldn't stay fired after it happened the first time at the end of his third year, the Rams have tended to get rid of winners quickly and give lengthiest tenure to losers.

Rosenbloom quickly reversed this technique. When Prothro slumped to 6-7-1 in his second

CHUCK KNOX, Coach.

Assistants: Tom Catlin, Lee Bennett, Jack Faulkner, Ken Meyer, Ray Prochaska, Dick Vermeil, Jim Wagstaff.

season, he was out. The new owner was tolerant of losses to Minnesota and Oakland in 1972 but couldn't forgive those who in the same year could lose to Denver, St. Louis and even New Orleans and also tie Chicago.

With the departure of Prothro, the Rams instituted the biggest shakeup in their history. In 27 years they had never had a general manager, but Rosenbloom remedied this oversight promptly, hiring Don Klosterman as executive vice president and general manager.

Though Jack Teele remains as administrative assistant, Mark Duncan was brought in as director of player personnel. A former coach, Duncan has recently served as Commissioner Pete Rozelle's director of personnel.



JOHN HADL, obtained from Chargers, threw 15 scoring passes last season.

JIM BERTELSEN gained total of 1232 yards on runs, receptions and kick and punt returns as a rookie and could do even better with Willie Ellison gone.



The Ram shakeup included a new lawyer, E. Gregory Hookstratten, and even a new assistant for trainer George Menefee, Gary Tuthill.

In the most significant change, Chuck Knox came to Los Angeles as head coach. An assistant for 10 years with the Jets and Lions, Knox is out of the same mold that stamped Don Shula, Chuck Noll, Tom Landry, George Allen, the late Vince Lombardi and others.

Rosenbloom is the owner who in recent years has signed three of the last five Super Bowl winners, Shula, Don McCafferty and

Weeb Ewbank—giving them their first jobs as head coach. Knox may be inconspicuous but he was chosen by a man with a good course record.

Change has piled on change this year in Los Angeles. The Rams' 1000-yard fullback, Willie Ellison, was dealt off to Kansas City and his replacement, Bob Thomas, was traded to San Diego—along with Coy Bacon for a new quarterback, John Hadl.

A 12-year-pro, Hadl at 33 is the same age as Roman Gabriel, the first-stringer in Los Angeles since 1965. Gabriel, the subject

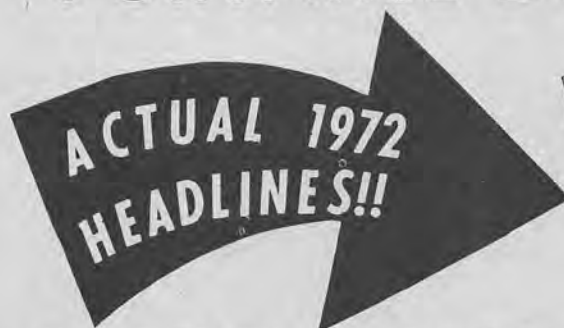
of much off-season controversy, was dealt to Philadelphia for wide receiver Harold Jackson, running back Tony Baker and three future draft choices.

Victim of several illnesses and injuries in 1972, Gabriel finished as a .511 passer compared to his career average of .515.

Hadl asked San Diego to trade him because of John's incompatibility with the conservative new offensive coaches who replaced Sid Gillman there. In his first 11 years in the AFL and NFL, Hadl threw for 26,938 yards, sixth all time behind John Unitas, Y. A. Tittle, Fran Tar-

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kenton, John Brodie and Sonny Jurgensen.

Most other Ram departments are spotty. The trades of Ellison and Thomas left Los Angeles without a fullback, a position that was assigned in the off-season to Larry Smith.

The halfback is Jim Bertelsen, who averaged 4.7 as a rookie last year when he gained 581 yards. Behind Bertelsen is another sophomore, Larry McCutcheon, who played only on the special teams last fall. Although Lester Josephson, 31, returns, the Rams seem thin in the backfield.

At the ends the new coaching staff is counting on Jack Snow and former Bear Dick Gordon, with Lance Rentzel in reserve. Snow led the club in catches

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again last season. Gordon, who was hurt most of the year, gives the Rams two wide targets. Tight end Bob Klein is an all-out blocker and improving receiver who caught 14 in 1971 and 29 in 1972.

The offensive line probably ranks first in Los Angeles in quality and quantity. Center Ken Iman is backed up by the club's supersub, Rich Saul. There is an All-Pro, Charlie Cowan, at tackle along with two other contributors, Harry Schuh and John Williams. And there are two fine guards, Tom Mack and Joe Scibelli, plus promising depth: Henry Allison, Willie Parker and Tim Stokes.

If the other offensive departments lack the depth and potential of the line, there is more to frighten a Ram fan in the defense.

Three years ago in George Allen's last season, 1970, the Rams were essentially a defensive team, as they were throughout the Allen era—when they



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In any case, Knox will greet the world with a defensive club that seems far below the 1970 standard when Olsen romped in a front four that included Deacon Jones, Diron Talbert and Coy Bacon—deservedly known as the fearsome foursome. They used to intimidate Ram opponents walking on the field. Newspaper reporters standing on the sideline before a game can tell what one team thinks of another by analyzing what the players look at. When Joe Namath comes to town they look at him. They respect Namath. When Jones



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and Olsen ran onto the field with Bacon and Talbert, they looked at them.

These four have now been spread, however, all over the landscape. Talbert is in Washington, where he helped the Redskins into the Super Bow. Bacon has joined Jones in San Diego, where the Deacon was named defensive MVP last fall in his first season out of Los Angeles.

The Rams are by no means void in the defensive line today. Rookie Larry Brooks played well at tackle when inserted next to Olsen last year. Jack Youngblood played well at end and Fred Dryer has had four good years at end in New York and Los Angeles. But the depth behind Olsen and Brooks (Phil Olsen and Bill Nelson) has not proved All-Pro.

At linebacker the athlete who has impressed the new coaches the most, Ken Geddes, has played less than a full season of pro ball and has been frequently injured. The right-side backer, Isiah Robertson, has had one big year in the NFL and one ordinary year. The new coaches are unable to tell which was the real Isiah.

At middle linebacker Marlin McKeever played most of 1972 with injuries that required two operations and at 33 is undecided about his future.

Every other linebacker the Rams can lay their hands on—Bob Stein from Kansas City, veteran Jack Reynolds, rookie Jim Youngblood—will be tried at middle backer, but the coaches see some negatives in each. The position has belonged to Reynolds since he was drafted four years ago but he hasn't taken it yet. Youngblood is a rookie from Tennessee Tech.

The secondary was believed to be the worst thing about the Rams last year—at the time. In the light of later developments, it looked better. But as the result of the scare, the club drafted a defensive back first, Cullen Bryant of Colorado, an athlete big enough to play linebacker and fast enough for a corner and thus a natural strong safety. Dave Elmendorf can now be moved back to free safety.

The corners include Al Clark, who played at least as well as the Rams hoped last year when they got him from Detroit, and Gene Howard, who didn't quite play back to his first Ram season in 1971. There are some questions about most positions in the defensive backfield but there is some possible help, too, from Jimmy Nettles and some others, including rookie Eddie McMillan from Florida State. Ex-Colt Jerry Logan is on the Ram roster.

The best thing Los Angeles did last year was punt the ball with Dave Chapple. A free agent tried by three other NFL franchises, Chapple finally made it with a 44.2-yard average to lead the NFC. He was second in the NFL to Kansas City's Jerrel Wilson (44.8).

David Ray, the placekicker, has a .617 lifetime field goal percentage (71 of 115) and a 1.000 PAT percentage (102 of 102) as a Ram. Ray is reliable on field goals at the middle ranges where a miss can cost a game.

1972 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Ray, 103 points on 31 XP, 24 field goals 2nd	
RUSHING —Ellison, 170 carries for 764 yds., 4.5 Avg., 5 TDs 10th	
PASSING —Gabriel, 165 in 323 attempts for 2027 yds., 12 TDs 9th	
RECEIVING —Snow, 30 receptions for 590 yds., 4 TDs 21st	
INTERCEPTIONS —Nettles, 6 for 168 yds., 28.0 Avg. 3rd	
PUNTING —Chapple, 53 punts, 44.2 Avg., longest 70 yds. 1st	
PUNT RETURNS —Bertelson, 16 for 232 yds., 14.5 Avg. 2nd	
KICKOFF RETURNS —Ellison, 14 for 345 yds., 24.6 Avg. 8th	

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Aug. 3 DALLAS (N)	
11 CLEVELAND (N)	
18 Oakland at Berkeley	
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31 SAN DIEGO (N)	
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1973 SCHEDULE	1972 Scores
Sept. 16 AT Kansas City	—
23 ATLANTA	20-7
30 AT San Francisco	26-16
Oct. 7 AT Houston	—
14 DALLAS	—
21 GREEN BAY	—
28 AT Minnesota	41-45
Nov. 4 AT Atlanta	3-31
11 NEW ORLEANS	34-14
18 SAN FRANCISCO	31-7
25 AT New Orleans	16-19
Dec. 2 AT Chicago	13-13
10 N.Y. GIANTS	—
16 CLEVELAND	—

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	Baker, Tony	RB	5-11	229	28	6	Iowa St.
45	Bertelson, Jim	RB	5-11	205	23	2	Texas
90	Brooks, Larry	DT	6-3	255	23	2	Va. State
10	Chapple, Dave	P	6-1	180	26	3	Santa Barbara
44	Clark, Al	CB-S	6-0	185	25	3	East. Mich.
73	Cowan, Charlie	T	6-4	265	35	13	N. Mex. Hds.
88	Curran, Pat	TE	6-3	238	27	5	Lakeland
89	Dryer, Fred	DE	6-6	240	27	5	S. Diego St.
42	Elmendorf, Dave	S	6-1	195	24	3	Tex. A&M
18	Gabriel, Roman	QB	6-4	220	33	12	N.C. State
36	Geddes, Ken	LB	6-3	235	25	3	Nebraska
5	Gordon, Dick	WR	5-11	190	29	9	Mich. St.
21	Hadl, John	QB	6-1	214	33	12	Kansas
56	Halverson, Dean	LB	6-2	230	27	5	Washington
11	Harris, James	QB	6-4	210	26	4	Grambling
22	Howard, Gene	CB	6-0	200	26	6	Langston
47	Howard, Leroy	CB	5-11	168	24	2	Bishop
50	Iman, Ken	C	6-1	240	34	13	So. East Mo.
	Jackson, Harold	WR	5-10	175	27	6	Jackson St.
34	Josephson, Les	RB	6-1	207	31	9	Augustana
90	Klein, Bob	TE	6-5	235	26	5	So. Calif.
68	LaHood, Mike	G	6-3	250	28	5	Wyoming
20	Logan, Jerry	S	6-1	190	32	11	W. Tex. St.
65	Mack, Tom	G	6-3	250	29	8	Michigan
30	McCutcheon, L.	RB	6-1	205	23	2	Colo. St.
86	McKeever, M.	LB	6-1	235	33	13	So. Calif.
67	Nelson, Bill	DT	6-7	270	25	3	Oregon St.
19	Nettles, Jim	S-CB	5-10	177	31	9	Wisconsin
74	Olsen, Merlin	DT	6-5	270	32	12	Utah St.
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58	Robertson, Isiah	LB	6-3	225	24	3	Southern
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26	Shears, Larry	CB	5-10	184	24	3	Lincoln
38	Smith, Larry	RB	6-3	220	25	5	Florida
84	Snow, Jack	WR	6-2	190	30	9	Notre Dame
66	Stein, Bob	LB	6-3	235	25	5	Minnesota
29	Sweet, Joe	WR	6-2	196	25	2	Tenn. St.
75	Williams, John	G-T	6-3	256	27	6	Minnesota
46	Williams, Roger	S	5-10	180	27	3	Grambling
85	Youngblood, Jack	DE	6-4	250	23	3	Florida

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Bradley, Paul	WR	6-0	180	23	SMU
Bond, Jerry	S-WR	6-2	210	24	Weber St.
Brown, Dave	C	6-0	230	22	So. Calif.
Brown, Steve	LB	6-2	240	22	Oregon St.
Bryant, Cullen	S-CB	6-1	210	22	Colorado
Caldwell, Jason	WR	6-1	192	21	N.C. Central
Chandler, Tom	LB	6-2	215	23	Minnesota
Cherry, Fuller	CB	6-3	190	23	Monticello
Christophe, H.	RB	5-9	186	21	Grambling
Dulac, Bill	T	6-4	260	22	East. Mich.
Greene, Mike	LB	6-3	225	24	Georgia
Henry, Fred	RB	5-11	185	21	New Mexico
Jackson, Willie	WR	6-1	200	24	Florida
Jaworski, Ron	QB	6-2	185	22	Youngstown
Jones, Cody	DE-DT	6-5	240	22	S. Jose St.
Jones, Steve	RB	6-0	200	22	Duke
Matter, Kurt	DE	6-7	241	22	Washington
McKelton, Willie	CB	5-11	191	24	Southern
McMillan, Eddie	CB	6-0	180	21	Florida St.
Milburn, Rod	WR	5-11	180	22	Southern
Nicholson, Jim	T	6-7	260	24	Mich. St.
Parker, Willie	C-G	6-3	241	24	N. Tex. St.
Perfetti, Mike	P-S	6-2	200	23	Minnesota
Peterson, Jim	DE	6-5	240	23	S. Diego St.
Rhone, Walter	CB	5-11	170	22	Central Mo.
Smith, Charles	WR	5-11	184	22	Grambling
Spearmann, Clint	LB	6-3	230	22	Michigan
Stokes, Tim	T	6-5	252	23	Oregon
Storck, Bob	DT	6-5	242	22	Wisconsin
Teague, Merv	T	6-5	228	23	Ohio St.
Walker, Ed	WR	6-0	178	21	Compton
Williams, Charles	T	6-4	265	23	Tenn. St.
Youngblood, Jim	LB	6-3	239	23	Tenn. Tech

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The New Orleans Saints have been in business long enough to have become one of the NFL's finest teams. This is their seventh season in the league. During the Miami Dolphins' seventh season they won the Super Bowl. Atlanta, only a year older than New Orleans, seems more substantial. So does Cincinnati, which is a year younger.

Atlanta, Miami, New Orleans and Cincinnati are the NFL's four so-called expansion teams, but the time has come, beyond much doubt, when that adjective has lost most of its football mean-

ing. All have been around long enough to have accomplished something by now.

The Dolphins, of course, are the leading example of a team with luck and skill. Joseph Robbie, their principal owner, has run them since the day they were awarded the franchise on August 16, 1965, and Robbie remains a success story of an unusual order. He had his club in the Super Bowl in the sixth year of its existence—an unparalleled achievement.

Paul Brown, who runs an excellent ship in Cincinnati, can only match Robbie chronologically if he wins the AFC title this year.

J. D. ROBERTS, Coach.

Assistants: Jim Royer, Marv Matuszak, Bud Whitehead, Jim Champion, John North, Lynn Amadee, Ernest Hefferle.

So what Miami has done, the others, including New Orleans, could have done. Everybody has now had a charter for a sufficient period of time to be considered now an established franchise. The days when there were only 12 pro clubs (1959 was the last year) are long gone. Eight AFL teams and the NFL's Dallas team were born in 1960, Minnesota in 1961, Atlanta and Miami in 1965, New Orleans in 1966 and Cincinnati in 1967—and that's plenty of time in football, which measures its generations in chunks of about five years.

So what's wrong in New Orleans? In their sixth year last

ARCHIE MANNING, working behind wall of blockers, is called "key to our offense" by coach J. D. ROBERTS.





Two top receivers, DANNY ABRAMOWICZ, above and BOB NEWLAND, left. Abramowicz' career record totals 307 catches for 4857 yards and 37 TDs. All are New Orleans Saints' records. Newland had 47 receptions for 579 yards during the season.



JAMES FORD, right, New Orleans halfback anticipates having a fine year.

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year, why should the Saints stand last with a 2-11-1? What's the difference between them and the Dolphins who, in their sixth season, stood first with a 10-3-1 en route to last year's incredible 14-0? Why should a younger team in Cincinnati (8-6) finish 5½ games ahead of New Orleans?

The answers are inherent, of course, in the New Orleans scene. To begin with, the Saints were never very lucky; and from the first they have made administrative errors, a couple of good ones a year on the average. And that's about all it takes in football—a bit of bad luck and a few bad decisions—to finish 5½ behind somebody else.

What they're wondering in New Orleans now, of course, is whether the Saints are on the right track at last. The interior evidence is not encouraging, and perhaps the only sign of stability is that the owner, young John W. Mecom, Jr., is not one to keep firing the coach. He has had only two coaches in seven years. There are some owners who, confronted with New Orleans' record, would have had four or five, perhaps seven.

J. D. Roberts took over as head coach in New Orleans on Nov. 3, 1970, since which he has won about one-fifth of his games (seven out of 34). Widely rumored to be on the way out last season, he has proved extraordinarily resilient—for a man with his record in his profession—and it may be that Mecom and Roberts are ready to start climbing this year.

But when you evaluate their resources you don't see enough to account for an improvement of even one notch in the standings. Their main asset is their quarterback, Archie Manning, and it has been amply proved in football that although you need an exceptional quarterback to win consistently, that isn't all you need.

Indeed, the Saints have too much quarterback. They are like a model T Ford with a Rolls Royce motor. What do you need that for? If they could trade Manning for three or four 27-year-old All-Pros (which is about what he's worth) they'd be bet-

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ter off. For what New Orleans still needs to get started in the NFL is a nucleus of eight or 10 solid types.

There is a possibility that this nucleus is being created down there—but if so it's not visible to critics elsewhere. The Saints' best ballplayers are Manning and receiver Danny Abramowicz. Bob Newland emerged last fall as a helpful receiver, tying for fifth in the conference, and the offensive line isn't bad. In other departments they have a sprinkling of talent (for instance a promising sophomore middle backer, Joe Federspiel, and a man or two in the secondary). But when you put it together, New Orleans still seems like a team looking for a nucleus. And in NFL ball, that's what you must have in order to glimpse a light at the end of the tunnel.

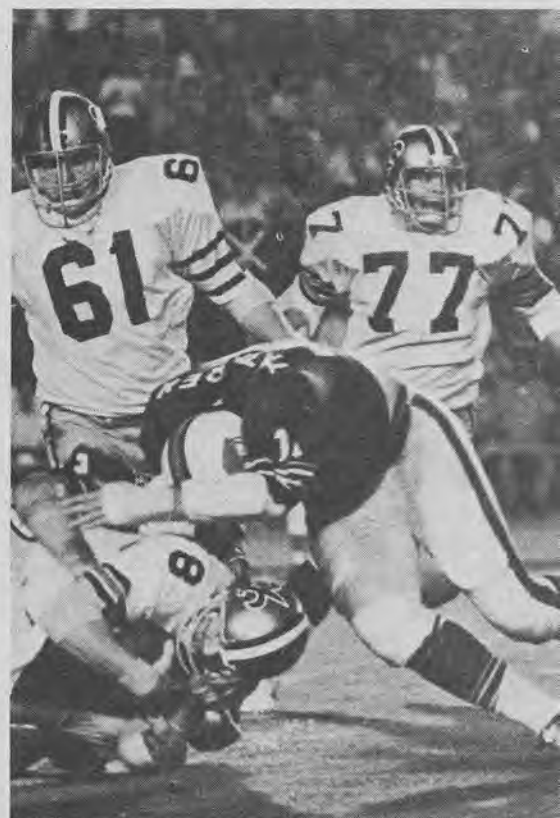
Manning begins his third NFL season as a youngster of 24 with an entire career in front of him. In the right location he could be dreaming of 10 consecutive years

as a title contender and occasional Super Bowl participant. For Manning is an ideal modern quarterback, a combination passer and runner with size (6-3, 212) who last year answered the last lingering questions about his capacity for pro ball. One of the last questions concerned his durability. Often injured in recent seasons, including his last year at Ole Miss, Manning led the Saints through every offensive play last fall.

Of the 449 passes thrown by the Saints (most in league) Manning threw 448. The 449th was a halfback pass, incomplete.

In the backfield the 1972 starters were Bob Gresham and fullback Bill Butler. As a rookie, Butler, 218, averaged 4.3. Gresham was the club's leading rusher though he compiled only 381 yards and averaged 3.2.

The Saints drafted six running backs but Coach Roberts sizes up the backfield scene as follows: Despite critical fumbles and dropped passes last season, New



DEL WILLIAMS, CARL JOHNSON (77) in action against the Buffalo Bills.

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JOE FEDERSPIEL (58), linebacker, tries to avoid a block by Atlanta's JEFF VAN NOTE (57) after teammate DOUG MOOERS (74) is knocked down.

Orleans has the potential with fullbacks Butler, Joe Williams and Jim Strong and halfbacks Gresham, James Ford and Arthur Green. "They're all young, able and willing," says Roberts. "The new people are going to have to win their jobs away from them."

In the receiving positions, the Saints are better off than some NFL clubs (including some in their division and conference) with Abramowicz and Newland backed up by Creston Whitaker. The new tight end, Bob Brown imported last year in a trade with Minnesota, was a respected competitor in his position when the Vikings had him and has some maturity now. He can block.

Perhaps the most impressive department in Roberts' offense is his blocking line. The experience and ability of these people are a reason why Manning was in for every play last fall. The Saints' old pro, Jake Kupp, and Del Williams are a fine pair of guards. Don Morrison, who has

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TOM STINCIC, hampered after knee operation half of '72, returns fit.

started every game for the Saints since he was drafted in 1971, and Glen Ray Hines are dependable and durable tackles. And there are two fine centers, John Didion and Bob Kuziel. The depth includes Royce Smith, Carl Johnson and other hitters.

Roberts: "Kupp, Williams and Hines are three of our best players at any position. We've developed some top grade young offensive linemen in Morrison, Smith and Johnson. We really didn't feel our line required a lot of attention as far as the draft was concerned."

As a whole, the offense is in better shape than the defense in Louisiana. What the Saints have to prove first this season is that they're putting together a competitive front four.

With one of the highest choices in the draft, they gave it up in February for a defensive end of whom they must have thought a great deal, although he wasn't that highly regarded in Baltimore, Billy Newsome. If Newsome is better than anything the Saints could have plucked in the draft with the second choice in the country, they've got something. This position (left end) is the one that will be the most closely watched in New Orleans this summer.

Newsome will be deployed next to Bob Pollard. There are those who believe New Orleans now has a defensive left side that will spread havoc in the league for 10 years (Pollard is 24 and

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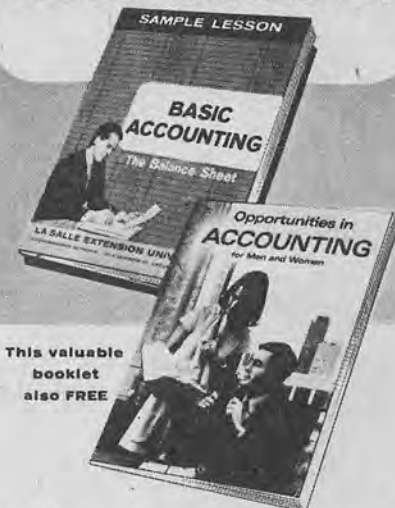
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46	Abramowicz, Dan	WR	6-1	195	28	7	Xavier
34	Bell, Carlos	TE	6-5	230	25	4	Henderson
36	Brown, Bob	TE	6-2	225	30	5	Alcorn A&M
38	Butler, Bill	RB	6-9	218	23	2	Kansas St.
59	Colman, Wayne	LB	6-1	230	27	6	Temple
75	Crangle, Mike	DE	6-4	243	26	2	Tenn. Martin
51	Didion, John	C	6-4	245	25	5	Oregon St.
58	Federspiel, Joe	LB	6-1	225	23	2	Kentucky
9	Feller, Happy	K	5-11	185	24	3	Texas
28	Ford, James	RB	6-0	210	23	3	Tex. So'ern
45	Green, Arthur	RB	5-11	198	25	2	Albany St.
35	Gresham, Bob	RB	5-11	195	25	3	West Va.
56	Hall, Willie	LB	6-2	217	23	2	So. Calif.
14	Hargett, Edd	QB	5-11	190	26	5	Texas A&M
29	Hayes, Billie	CB	6-1	175	26	2	S. Diego St.
64	Hester, Ray	LB	6-2	215	24	3	Tulane
78	Hines, Glen Ray	T	6-5	265	29	8	Arkansas
53	Hobbs, Bill	LB	6-1	215	27	5	Texas A&M
18	Hollas, Hugo	S	6-1	190	27	4	Rice
30	Jackson, Ernie	CB	5-10	173	23	2	Duke
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11	Lee, Bivian	CB	6-3	200	25	3	Pr. View
7	Linhardt, Toni	K	6-0	170	31	2	Austria Tech
89	Long, Dave	DT	6-4	245	28	8	Iowa
8	Manning, Arch	QB	6-3	212	24	3	Mississippi
22	Martin, D'Art	CB	6-1	190	24	2	Ky. State
74	Moore, Doug	DT	6-6	265	26	3	Whittier
76	Morrison, Don	T	6-5	255	23	3	Arlington
37	Myers, Tom	S	5-11	184	22	2	Syracuse
41	Newland, Bob	WR	6-2	190	24	3	Oregon
87	Newsome, Billy	DE	6-5	250	25	4	Grambling
72	Owens, Joe	DE	6-2	245	26	4	Alcorn A&M
52	Palmer, Dick	LB	6-2	232	26	4	Kentucky
82	Pollard, Bob	DT	6-3	245	24	3	Weber St.
70	Robinson, Craig	T	6-4	250	24	2	Houston
54	Roussel, Tom	LB	6-3	235	28	6	So. Miss.
12	Scott, Bobby	QB	6-1	201	23	1	Tennessee
66	Smith, Royce	G	6-3	245	24	2	Georgia
55	Stincic, Tom	LB	6-4	230	26	5	Michigan
42	Strong, Jim	RB	6-1	210	26	4	Houston
85	Weatherspoon	WR	6-1	182	25	2	Ft. Lewis
49	Whitaker, C.	WR	6-2	187	25	2	N. Tex. St.
61	Williams, Del	G	6-2	240	27	7	Florida St.
24	Williams, Joe	RB	6-0	193	26	3	Wyoming
68	Winther, Wimpy	C	6-4	261	25	3	Mississippi
23	Wyatt, Doug	S	6-1	195	26	4	Tulsa
	Young, Adrian	LB	6-1	235	27	6	So. Calif.

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
94	Baumgartner, S.	DE	6-7	248	23	Purdue
19	Cahill, Bill	S	5-11	180	22	Washington
48	Davis, Jerry	CB	6-0	185	22	Mor. Brown
62	Dorton, Wayne	G	6-1	248	24	Ark. St.
63	Evenson, Mike	C	6-3	251	22	N. Dak. St.
71	Fersen, Paul	T	6-5	257	23	Georgia
44	Fink, Mike	CB	5-11	181	22	Missouri
86	Garner, Bobby	TE	6-5	228	22	Win.-Salem
48	Horsley, Jeff	RB	5-11	204	24	N.C. Central
65	Hyman, Eric	DT	6-4	245	22	No. Carolina
57	Merlo, Jim	LB	6-1	221	21	Stanford
97	Moore, Derland	DE	6-4	250	21	Oklahoma
40	Orndorff, Paul	TE	6-1	210	22	Tampa
43	Owens, Jim	RB	6-2	208	22	Auburn
69	Peterson, Bob	G	6-4	251	22	Utah
47	Shuford, Marty	RB	6-0	216	24	Arizona
1	Stevens, H.	K	5-10	175	24	Louisville
3	Torzaia, Dan	K	5-10	175	24	Colo. State
39	Van Valkenberg	RB	6-2	192	23	Brig. Young
73	Watkins, Richard	DT	6-3	258	22	Weber St.
80	Winslow, Doug	WR	5-11	181	22	Drake

Newsome only 25) and if these hopes are realized, the Saints have made a start on a defensive nucleus Newsome may be a better tackle than most, but the Saints hope he can play outside. The rest of the front four is in some doubt although the listed starters in the offseason were end Joe Owens, who has been the most reliable New Orleans pass rusher, and a seven-year veteran, Dave Long.

The Saints have high hopes for two rookies in their defensive line. Derland Moore of Oklahoma and Steve Baumgartner of Purdue.

Linebacking has been New Orleans' central defensive problem (and hence biggest problem) in recent years but a start was made on a solution with the draft last year of Federspiel from Kentucky. "He could be our starter there for many years," says Roberts, who goes into 1973 with Tom Roussel and Wayne Colman listed as the other starters.

Willie Hall could take care of one New Orleans linebacking problem if he plays back to his USC promise, and there are still hopes for Tom Stincic and Ray Hester.

Roberts is considering a secondary of cornerbacks Ernie Jackson and Bivian Lee and safeties Hugo Hollas and Tom Myers. Of the club's 14 interceptions last fall, Lee made four. Jackson and Meyers split six. D'Artagnan Martin is back from knee surgery.

The secondary has been good enough in recent seasons if the linebacking and defensive line had been stronger.

New Orleans' kicking staff was potentially the equal of any in the conference. Toni Linhart is a soccer-style placekicker who was a first division player in Europe. Back of Linhart is Happy Feller, who beat the Rams last year. But they traded punter Julian Fagan to the Jets for another punter, Steve O'Neal.

1972 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Abramowicz, 42 points on 7 TD Passes	24th
RUSHING —Gresham, 121 carries for 381 yds., 3.1 Avg., 3 TDs	24th
PASSING —Manning, 230 in 448 attempts for 2781 yds., 18 TDs	8th
RECEIVING —Newland, 47 receptions for 579 yds., 2 TDs	6th
INTERCEPTIONS —Lee, 4 for 65 yds., 16.3 Avg.	10th
PUNTING —Fagan, 71 punts, 40.8 Avg., longest 71 yds.	7th
PUNT RETURNS —Myers, 9 for 43 yds., 4.8 Avg.	17th
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By Bob Scott

Veteran football reporter Bob Scott of the Hamilton Ontario Spectator, has been covering CFL action for the past 12 seasons, seven in Montreal, five in Hamilton.

If press clippings mean anything the selling of the Canadian Football League to the United States has been a success.

CFL commissioner Jake Gaudaur has a bulging file of newspaper clippings from New York to California—articles on the CFL games which were shown on U.S. television last summer. Most of the reports were very favorable to the Canadian game.

Last season CFL games were shown Wednesday nights on 111 TV stations, either on a live or

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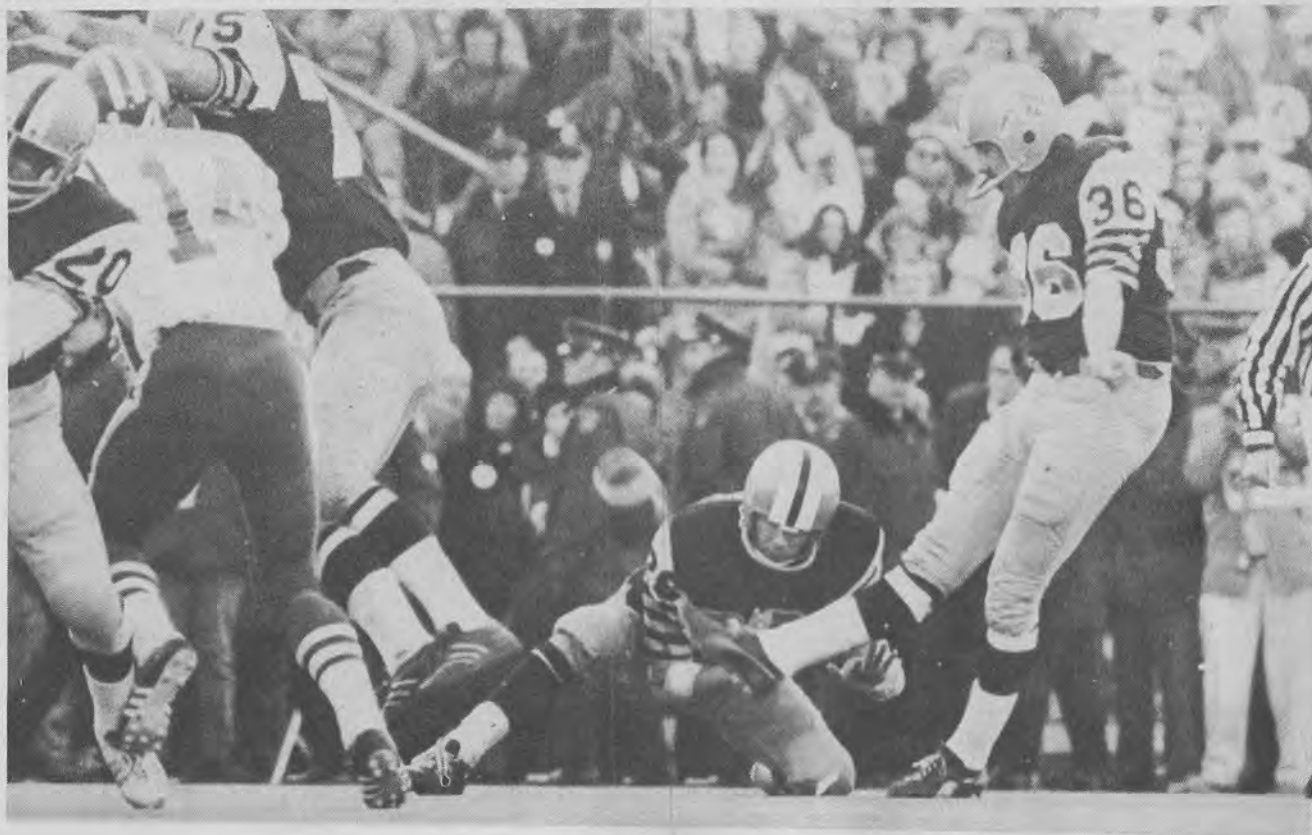
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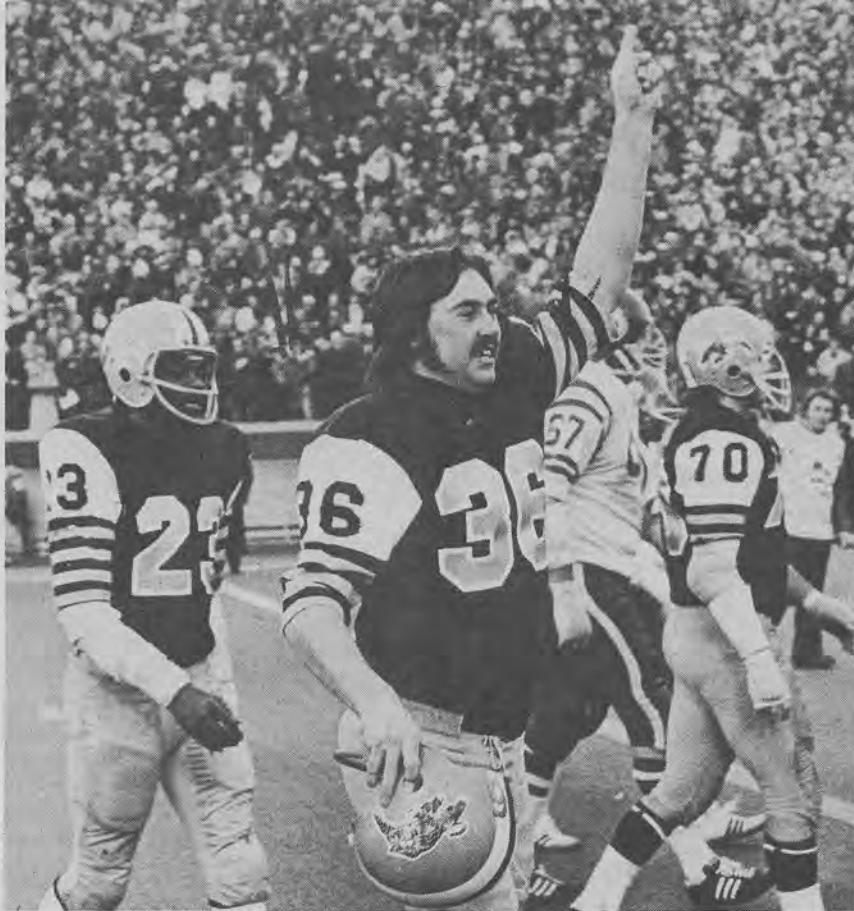
WINNING field goal kick by Hamilton's Ian Sunter from Saskatchewan's 34-yard line on final play of game that provided Tiger-Cats with 13-10 victory over Roughriders in Grey Cup clash. The kick ended a 68-yard drive.



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IAN SUNTER, 19-year-old kicker, gives salute after the Gray Cup victory.

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CHUCK EALEY, Hamilton quarterback named MVP of Grey Cup game, cuts away from Saskatchewan's Steve Svitak for a four yard gain in title clash.

leaves only 17 yards in the middle of the field where the ball can be put into play.

A comparison of the relative statistics between the two leagues for the past two years indicates that moving the hash marks in has resulted in more rushing and less passing in the NFL.

For the previous five years the CFL had a more favorable result in the 'entertainment' type statistics, particularly in yards rushing. For the first time the CFL fell behind in yards rushing as the NFL advanced 18 yards over the '71 totals. The NFL lost an average of 10 yards passing, leaving it 100 yards behind the CFL totals.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

OTTAWA (11-3) — Riders beat every team in the CFL last season except for the Grey Cup champion Tiger-Cats. They lost their three league starts and then blew a 12-point lead in the two-game eastern finals. It was enough to send coach Jack Gotta to Florida for some sun during Grey Cup week.

This year Gotta has his air-

tight defense back except for halfback Barry Ardern who was traded to Vancouver for fullback Jim Evenson. The latter was a perennial 1000-yard rusher with the Lions for five seasons and observers see him supplying the tough yardage required to sustain long drives. Last year most offensive thrusts ended with Gerry Organ trying a field goal. He tried 50, connecting on 29.

Gotta tried four fullbacks over the season and only Alan Thompson will be back to battle Evenson. Art Cantrelle returns at halfback and daredevil quarterback Rick Cassata is back to call the signals. Temple QB Frank DiMaggio, a third cousin of Joltin' Joe, will battle Paul Brothers for the backup role. Lee Fobbs of Grambling and Jim Lee Harris, a speedster from Ohio State, are also in the running while Canadian Donn Smith, who returns from Purdue, will bolster the line.

Holdover Wayne Tosh will likely replace Ardern at cornerback while Herb Marshall, who had 14 interceptions in the continental league last season, may also crack the lineup. Up front Riders have best front four in

CFL in Wayne Smith, Rudy Sims, Tom Laputka and Charlie Brandon capably backed up by linebacker Jerry Campbell.

Dave Buchanan, who set a team record with 1165 yards rushing last year, also retired on the eve of the season.

HAMILTON (11-3)—The Tiger-Cat enjoyed a super season under new head coach Jerry Williams, winning the Grey Cup championship in their home park. Their 13-10 win over Saskatchewan on Ian Sunter's 34-yard field goal on the final play of the game marked the first championship won on a home field since Argos in 1952.

Williams, opening with three losses in four starts partly because of Sunter's errant kicks off goal posts, finished the league schedule with 10 successive wins, an eastern record. The 11 wins was the most ever by a Hamilton team.

Sunter kicked five field goals as Ticats overcame a 12-point deficit against Ottawa in the eastern finals, then added two more in the Grey Cup final. Chuck Ealey won a car as the top player in the game after being named the outstanding rookie in the CFL three days earlier.

Ealey, unbeaten in high school football at Portsmouth, Ohio, or in college ball at Toledo but undrafted in the NFL, was the talk of the league. He tossed 22 touchdown passes, with only eight interceptions, and ran for 515 yards as Williams gradually transformed him from an exciting scrambler into a competent pocket passer. Kansas' Jim Ettinger, son of a former Ticat, Red Ettinger, and Notre Dame's Bill Etter, will battle for the backup role. The durable Ealey didn't miss one play after replacing Wally Gaber in game two in '72.

The corps of top receivers, Tony Gabriel, Garney Henley (top player in the league in '72) and Tommy Joe Coffey, is back. Defensively, Ticats must replace 15-year veteran Angelo Mosca. Silas McKinnie and Tim Beamer on offense, Fred Summers and Phil Webb on defense, are the pick of the new backs. Former Giant Dave Roller looms as Mosca's replacement.

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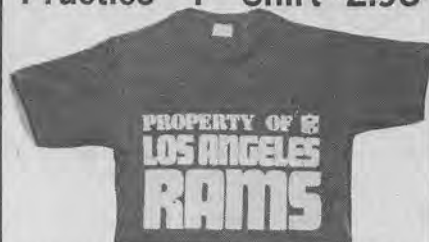
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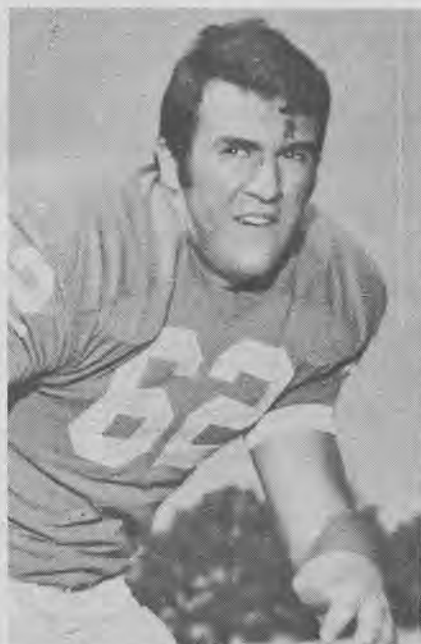
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RON RUSNAK, a guard from North Carolina, is joining the Alouettes.

TORONTO (3-11) — After dropping from the Grey Cup final in '71 to the Eastern Conference basement last year Argonauts made the inevitable coaching change. Leo Cahill and his entire staff were fired, making way for John Rauch, the same gent who guided Oakland Raiders to Super Bowl 11.

Argos feel Rauch is a tough taskmaster who can eliminate the prima donna image that has characterized the high paid losers of Canadian football for several years. The club has traditionally had a strong import roster while its Canadian strength has been suspect. Under CFL rules the teams need 10 Canadian starters.

This season Argos have signed two highly regarded Canadian backs with U.S. college experience in Lou Clare of Minnesota and Peter Muller of Western Illinois. Their biggest signing, however, is quarterback Mike Rae of Southern Cal., who finished the season with a flourish—a 42-17 win over Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. He was Oakland's eighth draft choice.

He'll likely battle holdover Wally Gabler and Jim Fassel of Long Beach State for the backup role behind Joe Theismann. Joe is on the option year of his contract and there are suspicions



TOM FORZANI of Calgary has pair of brothers, John and Joe, with team.

that he is eyeing Miami Dolphins.

Argos boast an abundance of backfield talent in Leon McQuay, Bill Symons and Eric Allen plus West Virginia sensation Kerry Lee Marbury. If they're all operating on the same wavelength, Argos could climb back into the eastern lead.

Defensively, Steve Smear, acquired from Alouettes, gives them a solid middle linebacker. But they could be in trouble in the secondary with the loss of Marv Luster and Chip Barrett.

MONTREAL (4-10)—Marv Levy, former specialty coach for the Rams and Redskins, is sitting in the CFL's hotseat in his first pro head coaching job. In an effort to make a winner out of the floundering franchise, Levy has instituted regulations such as 1:30 p.m. daily meetings. CFL clubs have traditionally permitted players to hold down a day-time job before hitting the practice field in the late afternoon. His experiment will be watched with interest especially since the Players' Association has expressed concern.

On the field, Levy will handle the offense and he has some of the best talent in the league at his disposal. It includes tackles Ed George, Canadian ends Peter Dalla Riva and Terry Evanshen and running backs Ike Brown and Moses Denson. Versatile back Bruce Van Ness has retired and the best replacement bet is Cec Bowens, the last cut in '72 who led the Atlantic Coast

League rushers at Hartford.

More talent was added when Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska's Heisman Trophy winner last year, decided to play for Montreal.

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Levy's biggest decision could be at quarterback where Craig Curry, Dolphins' fifth draft choice from Minnesota in '72, will battle holdovers Sonny Wade and George Mira. Wade, a hot and cold performer, was saved by a no-cut contract last year. He could be the leader the club lacks if he can regain his form of 1970 when he led Als to the Grey Cup championship.

Defensively, Levy is following George Allen. He traded Steve Smear for Argos' Marv Luster, 33 a former Alouette, and is bringing back Bobby Lee Thompson, 32, an Alouette for the third time.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

EDMONTON (10-6) — Eskimos produced one of the top recruiting jobs in the CFL. This, coupled with their first place deadlock with Winnipeg in the 1972 standings, should make them a definite pennant contender.

Eskimos finished 10-6 after losing their first string quarterback, Bruce Lemmerman, with a dislocated shoulder when they stood 3-0.

Tom Wilkinson, an Argo cast-off, led the Eskimos the rest of the season—a miraculous one when you consider they lost 13 starters through injuries. Lemmerman is back along with Don Gault of Hofstra via Cleveland Browns.

With George McGowan, Larry Highbaugh, Roy Bell and Gene Foster in the backfield and All-Stars Charlie Turner, Larry Watkins and Tyrone Walls on the line Eskimos concentrated on defense in recruiting.

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Coach Eagle Keys hopes Karl Douglas, the former Colt, will improve the quarterbacking which was handled by Don Moorhead and Don Bunce. Ace receiver Jim Young is back complete with a three-year contract which makes him the highest paid Canadian in CFL history.

All-Star lineman Ken Sugarman has retired but Tampa's Robert Brown should fill the hole. Former Charger tight end John Turner could also boost the offense.

Colorado dropout Bud Magrum, a tackle, and linebacker Steve Vogel are the pick of the new defenders. Ray Nettles, Wayne Matherne, Ron Estay and Company need some help.

CALGARY (6-0) — With injuries to quarterback Jerry Keeling and middle linebacker Wayne Harris major factors, the Stampeders plummeted from the Grey Cup championship in '71 to fourth place in the west in '72. One month before camp Jim Duncan, the head coach, still didn't know if he would have either of the stalwarts on hand this season.

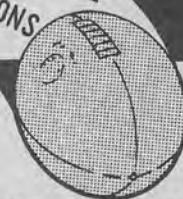
Keeling had returned to Oklahoma contemplating retirement while Harris' future depended on doctor reports. The four-time winner of the outstanding lineman award in the CFL, Harris missed most of the season with a jammed neck. The Stamps, traditionally a rock ribbed defensive unit, promptly became the most porous defense in the league, giving up 24 points per game.

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the Calgary shopping list and they acquired some good ones including Roger Goree of Baylor, an All-America. Another line-backer is Tony Perea from Texas at El Paso.

"Goree isn't as big as I would like at six feet, 200 pounds but then Harris wasn't very big either," said Duncan. Harris was a 190-pound six-footer. "Perea is 5-11, 230 pounds who comes recommended as real tough by Bobby Dobbs (former Calgary coach).

If Keeling doesn't return Jim Lindsey is ready to take over on a full-time basis and Stamps



JOHN HELTON of Calgary was voted Lineman of the Year in the CFL.

FRANK ANDRUSKI, defensive halfback with Calgary, is an eight-year CFL veteran from the University of Utah.



signed Gary Danielsen of Purdue as a backup.

Duncan is also high on defensive back Tom Bachman of New Mexico State while Kreg Kapitani, Ron Vincent and Canadian Tom Forzani, the top U.S. college receiver from Utah State, should help the offense.

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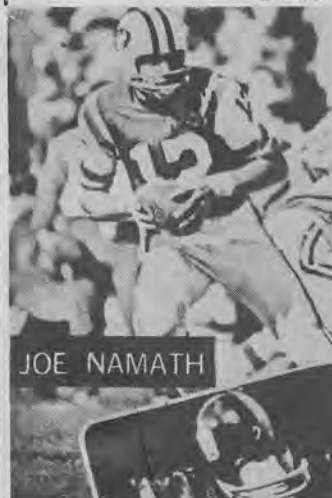
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With John Hadl, the quarterback who opposed the Chargers' new controlled offense, traded to Los Angeles, Garrett and his colleagues are expected to carry the ball even more.

AFC

By Bob Oates

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(then known as the AFL) invented bump-and-run defense. It still does it more frequently and more proficiently.

Three: A corollary reason for the emergence of the running back at just this time is that coaches everywhere are accenting ball-control strategy. They don't set up big plays any more and try to win with demoralizing big strikes. They would rather demoralize you by keeping the ball.

The man who best exemplifies this trend is Don Shula, coach of the Miami world champions, who was a big-play exponent in Baltimore when he had John Unitas on his side.

Shula's quarterback today, Bob Griese, occasionally throws a pass in the first quarter. And on a big day, he may follow up with another pass in the second quarter.

The point is that you perfect what you work at, although the underlying reason the coaches have chosen this route is not personal preference but defensive dictation.

Four: There are several categories of running backs in the National Conference, beginning with a top flight which includes three names: Larry Brown of Washington, John Brockington of Green Bay and Ron Johnson of the New York Giants.

These three are perhaps a cut above anything else in their conference and are to be classed with the Simpsons, Littles and Kellys of the other conference.

Altogether there are at least eight standout NFC backs, but after the top three it may be more useful to group them in pairs.

Thus part of Brockington's success is due to the fact that his partner, MacArthur Lane, runs very well too and has to be watched. In the NFC rushing standings last season Brockington and Lane finished No. 4 and No. 7.

The other running backs in what might be considered the NFC's second flight are the Dallas pair, Calvin Hill and Walt Garrison, and the Atlanta pair, Dave Hampton and Art Malone.

Hill and Garrison were No. 3

and No. 9 last year in NFC yards gained. Hampton and Malone were No. 5 and No. 8.

The NFC's "big eight" in the top two categories were more effective than any others last season and in most cases seemed more talented.

But the talent in the third flight is virtually as impressive. Again this is reflected in three pairs of backs: Steve Owens and Altie Taylor at Detroit, Bobby Douglass and Jim Harrison at Chicago, and Brown and Charley Harraway at Washington.

Individually, some of them might be challenged. As couples, they are as effective as some of the finest backfields of just a few years ago. The Douglass-Harrison threat in Chicago, for instance, is remarkable. It is like a good college football threat: fullback Harrison smashing inside with 235 pounds, quarterback Douglass flitting inside and out with his 225 pounds.

A quarterback with Douglass' limitations could not, however, have existed five years ago in the NFL. The defenses of that era sought a balance approximating 50-50 against runs and passes. Thus they controlled even the quickest and most skilled running backs.

But you can't control NFL passers with a 50-50 effort. You need about a 70-30—and this was the discovery of the Don Shulas and Bud Grants in Baltimore and Minnesota during the seasons when the modern honeycomb of zone defenses was being created.

What these people proved is that winning follows as naturally as day after night when—in every passing situation—you drop off all three linebackers to mix with the four deep backs in seven zones and when, simultaneously, you ask the front four to rush the passer with abandon.

Theoretically, zone defense is vulnerable against running plays. But five years ago the pros didn't run that much. It remained for Shula, one of the original architects of modern zone defense, to show how to beat it. His invention, which reflects the essential simplicity of all great inventions,

is simply to run the ball practically all the time, using a highly selective and pragmatic passing game merely as a change of pace.

It was when he moved to Miami in 1970 that Shula shifted gears. During his Baltimore tenure he could see that his big-play notions had been outdated by the new defenses, but he had Unitas in Baltimore. And although Unitas himself converted to ball control eventually (and had the pleasure occasionally of beating Shula at his own game in one or two of the early Miami-Baltimore matchups) the 1960s Unitas was a passer.

The 1970 Miami Dolphins, in Shula's charter year in Florida, were the first modern football team. The national focus was on Larry Csonka and Jim Kiick—who were thought of by some folks that year as the greatest running tandem yet—when it should have been on Shula for letting them run.

By 1971, curiously, few of the 25 other NFL coaches had got the message. The most conspicuous was George Allen in Washington, who rose to fame by letting Larry Brown run. Because Shula and Allen are both defensive specialists first, the scope of what they were doing offensively was underestimated and underappreciated elsewhere. And so by 1972 their little revolution had made less progress than they themselves had expected.

As one result, Shula went 17-0 and spent his last day in the Super Bowl, where Allen joined him. The fact that Shula beat Allen there in a game of runner vs. runner was due to other reasons—primarily psychological reasons growing out of the fact that Shula in Super Bowl VI, like Allen in VII, was clobbered—but at last, the reasons why BOTH were there were spelled out for all to see.

They had run their way into the Super Bowl. And as surely as this is 1973, the rest of the league will be running like mad this season. The era of the running back has just begun. You haven't seen anything yet.

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Points—172, Paul Hornung, G.B. (1960)
TD's—22, Gale Sayers, Chicago (1965)
FG's—33, Chester Marcol, Green Bay (1972)
XP—56, Villanueva, Dallas (1966)

	Td.	P.	XP	FG	FGA	Tot Pts
Marcol, G.B.	0	0	29	33	48	128
Ray, L.A.	0	0	31	24	41	103
Fritsch, Dall.	0	0	36	21	36	99
Mann, Det.	0	0	38	20	29	98
Cox, Minn.	0	0	34	21	33	97
Gogolak, N.Y.G.	0	0	41	21	31	97
Gossett, S.F.	0	0	41	18	29	95
Ron Johnson, N.Y.G.	9	5	0	0	0	84
Knight, Wash.	0	0	40	14	30	82
Beil, Atl.	0	0	31	16	30	79
Brown, Wash.	8	4	0	0	0	72
C. Washington, S.F.	0	12	0	0	0	72
Dempsey, Phil.	0	0	11	20	35	71
Percival, Chi.	0	0	26	12	24	62
Bakken, St.L.	0	0	19	14	22	61
Garrison, Dall.	7	3	0	0	0	60
Malone, Atl.	8	2	0	0	0	60
Brookington, G.B.	8	1	0	0	0	54
Mill, Dall.	6	3	0	0	0	54
Kwalick, S.F.	0	9	0	0	0	54
Landry, Det.	9	0	0	0	0	54
Brown, B. Minn.	4	4	0	0	0	48
Douglass, Chi.	8	0	0	0	0	48
Abramowicz, N.O.	0	7	0	0	0	42
Gilliam, Minn.	0	7	0	0	0	42
Hampton, Atl.	6	1	0	0	0	42
Smith, Wash.	0	7	0	0	0	42
C. Taylor, Wash.	0	7	0	0	0	42
Anderson, St. Louis	4	2	0	0	0	36
Bertelsen, L.A.	5	1	0	0	0	36
Ellison, L.A.	5	1	0	0	0	36
Haraway, Wash.	6	0	0	0	0	36
Parks, N.O.	0	6	0	0	0	36
Taylor, Det.	4	2	0	0	0	36
Walton, L. Det.	0	6	0	0	0	36
Burrow, Atl.	0	5	0	0	0	30
Evans, N.Y.G.	4	1	0	0	0	30
Herrmann, N.Y.G.	0	5	0	0	0	30
Hunter, G.B.	5	0	0	0	0	30
Sellers, Dall.	0	5	0	0	0	30
Tucker, N.Y.G.	1	4	0	0	0	30
V. Washington, S.F.	3	1	0	0	0	30
Willard, S.F.	4	1	0	0	0	30
Feller, N.O.	0	0	10	6	11	28
Jackson, Phil.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Jessie, Det.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Mitchell, Atl.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Owens, Det.	4	0	0	0	0	24
Roland, St.L.	2	2	0	0	0	24
Snow, L.A.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Thomas, Chi.	0	3	0	0	0	24
Durkee, N.O.	0	0	9	3	9	18
Farr, Det.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Gresham, N.O.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Harrison, Chi.	2	1	0	0	0	18
Houston, N.Y.G.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Jefferson, Wash.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Lane, G.B.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Montgomery, Dall.	1	1	0	0	0	18
Moore, St.L.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Osborn, Minn.	2	1	0	0	0	18
Pinder, Chi.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Schreiber, S.F.	2	1	0	0	0	18
Smith, L.A.	2	1	0	0	0	18
Thomas, L.A.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Vanderbundt, S.F.	2	0	0	0	0	18
Alworth, Dall.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Berry, Atl.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Brunet, Wash.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Burns, St.L.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Butler, N.O.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Carmichael, Phil.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Ellis, G.B.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Farmer, Chi.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Gillette, St.L.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Henderson, Minn.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Jones, Minn.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Krause, Minn.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Manning, N.O.	2	0	0	0	0	12
McGeorge, G.B.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Morton, Dall.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Newland, N.O.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Orduña, N.Y.G.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Reed, Minn.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Rentzel, L.A.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Sanders, C. Det.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Smith, St.L.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Staggers, G.B.	0	1	0	0	0	12
Thompson, St.L.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Voigt, Minn.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Washington, Minn.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Linhart, N.O.	1	0	5	2	5	11

SCORING

	Td.	P.	XP	FG	FGA	Tot Pts
Malinchak, Wash.	1	0	0	0	0	*8
Sweet, L.A.	0	1	0	0	0	*8
Barnes, Det.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Bass, Wash.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Beasley, Minn.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Biggs, Wash.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Brodie, S.F.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Brown, N.O.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Brubacher, Chi.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Bryant, Minn.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Buchanan, G.B.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Chesson, Atl.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Cotton, Det.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Dale, G.B.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Davis, G.B.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Ditka, Dall.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Eddy, Det.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Files, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Gabriel, L.A.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Glass, G.B.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Gordon, L.A.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Grim, N.Y.G.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Hanburger, Wash.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hawkins, Phil.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Hayden, St.L.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hilgenberg, Minn.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hilton, Det.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Howard, L.A.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Isenbarger, S.F.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Jackson, N.O.	1	0	0	0	0	6
James, Phil.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Ran. Johnson, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Josephson, L.A.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Klein, L.A.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Kosins, Chi.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Kramer, Phil.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Lawson, Chi.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Lockhart, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Love, L.A.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Marinara, Minn.	0	1	0	0	0	6
McCullough, Det.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Mul-Key, Wash.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Neal, N.O.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Newhouse, Dall.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Niland, Dall.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Nobis, Atl.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Parks, Dall.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Parsons, Chi.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Reaves, Phil.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Redmond, Det.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Riley, S.F.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Seymour, Chi.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Shy, Chi.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Simpson, S.F.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Smith, Chi.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Tagge, G.B.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Thomas, S.F.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Thompson, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Walik, Phil.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Waters, Dall.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Watkins, Phil.	1	0	0	0	0	6
C. Williams, G.B.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Witcher, S.F.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Wyatt, N.O.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Zook, Atl.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Butkus, Chi.	0	0	1	0	0	1
Zofko, Det.	0	0	1	0	0	1

* Includes safety

Safeties—Humphrey & Lewis, Atl.; Washington, Dall.;
Brown, B., G.B.; Sweet, L.A.; Owens, N.O.; Coleman,
Phil.; Malinchak, Wash.

RUSHING

(5 or more yards)

RECORDS

Most—305, Jim Brown, Cleve. (1961)
Most Yds. 1863, Jim Brown, Cleve. (1963)
Most TD's—19, Jim Taylor, G.B. (1962)

	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Brown, Wash.	285	1216	4.3	138	8
Ron Johnson, N.Y.G.	298	1182	4.0	135	9
Hill, Dall.	245	1036	4.2	26	6
Brookington, G.B.	274	1027	3.7	130	8
Hampton, Atl.	230	995	4.3	156	6
Douglas, Chi.	141	968	6.9	157	8
Lane, G.B.	177	821	4.6	41	3
Malone, Atl.	180	798	4.4	27	8
Garrison, Dall.	167	784	4.7	41	7
Ellison, L.A.	170	764	4.5	37	5
Taylor, Det.	154	658	4.3	138	4
Reed, Minn.	151	639	4.2	43	2
Harrison, Chi.	167	622	3.7	19	2
Bertelsen, L.A.	123	581	4.7	42	5
Haraway, Wash.	148	567	3.8	24	6
James, Phil.	182	565	3.1	22	0
Anderson, St.L.	153	536	3.5	19	4
Landry, Det.	81	524	6.5	38	9
Owens, Det.	143	519	3.6	18	4
V. Washington, S.F.	141	468	3.3	33	3
Thomas, L.A.	77	433	5.6	49	3
Schreiber, S.F.	118	420	3.6	20	2
Roland, St.L.	105	414	3.9	18	2
Gresham, N.O.	121	381	3.1	23	3
Manning, N.O.	63	351	5.6	18	2
Willard, S.F.	100	345	3.5	23	4
Shy, Chi.	91	342	3.8	22	1
Baker, Phil.	90	322	3.6	14	0
Evans, N.Y.G.	91	317	3.5	124	4
Pinder, Chi.	87	300	3.4	19	3
Smith, L.A.	60	276	4.6	68	2
B. Brown, Minn.	82	263	3.2	19	4
Watkins, Phil.	67	262	3.9	28	1
Osborn, Minn.	82	261	3.2	114	2

RUSHING	Atts.	Lds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Thomas, S.F.	52	250	4.8	22	1
Butler, N.O.	54	233	4.3	27	0
Marinano, Minn.	66	223	3.4	19	0
Clements, N.Y.G.	46	221	4.8	19	0
Farr, Det.	62	216	3.5	22	3
Tarkenton, Minn.	27	180	6.7	21	0
Jones, Minn.	52	164	3.2	33	2
Mul-Key, Wash.	33	155	4.7	35	1
P. Williams, G.B.	33	139	4.2	14	0
Profit, Atl.	40	132	3.3	14	0
Orduna, N.Y.G.	36	129	3.6	17	1
Strong, N.O.	37	120	3.2	9	0
Newhouse, Dall.	28	116	4.1	19	1
Reaves, Phil.	18	109	6.1	16	1
Lawson, Chi.	33	106	3.2	14	1
Berry, Atl.	24	86	3.6	16	2
Brunet, Wash.	30	82	2.7	18	2
Montgomery, Dall.	35	81	2.3	10	1
Jackson, Phil.	9	76	8.4	34	0
Josephson, L.A.	18	75	4.2	13	0
J. Williams, N.O.	31	72	2.3	11	0
Rentzel, L.A.	7	71	10.1	18	1
Burns, St.L.	26	69	2.7	9	2
Hudson, G.B.	15	62	4.1	17	0
Spurrer, S.F.	11	51	4.6	15	0
Green, N.O.	14	51	3.6	14	0
Triplett, Det.	17	48	2.8	9	0
Staubach, Dall.	6	45	7.5	20	0
Moore, St.L.	9	44	4.9	15	0
Baynam, St.L.	17	43	2.5	11	0
C. Taylor, Wash.	3	39	13.0	17	0
Kopay, G.B.	10	39	3.9	20	0
Hunter, G.B.	22	37	1.7	15	5
Morrison, N.Y.G.	9	36	4.0	45	0
Thompson, N.Y.G.	9	35	3.9	13	0
Ray, Atl.	8	34	4.3	9	0
Cunningham, S.F.	8	32	4.0	12	0
Smith, St.L.	5	31	6.2	17	0
Butkus, Chi.	1	28	28.0	28	0
Zofko, Det.	7	28	4.0	9	0
Eddy, Det.	8	28	3.5	10	0
VanGilder, St.L.	9	28	3.1	16	0
Ford, N.O.	11	28	2.5	9	2
Morton, Dall.	8	26	3.3	11	2
Ran. Johnson, N.Y.G.	9	26	2.9	9	1
Duhon, N.Y.G.	9	23	2.6	7	0
Reed, S.F.	4	22	5.5	22	0
Nock, Wash.	6	22	3.7	6	0
Bailey, Phil.	7	22	3.1	5	0
Snead, N.Y.G.	10	21	2.1	15	0
Liske, Phil.	7	20	2.9	9	0
Belton, Atl.	10	20	2.0	8	0
Mitchell, Atl.	2	19	9.5	18	0
Blanchard, N.Y.G.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Hart, St.L.	9	17	1.9	8	0
Gabriel, L.A.	14	16	1.1	11	1
Reeves, Dall.	3	14	4.7	14	0
Woodeshick, St.L.	5	14	2.8	6	0
Gilliam, Minn.	8	14	1.8	14	0
Glass, G.B.	2	13	6.5	13	0
Thomas, Chi.	5	13	2.6	8	0
Sullivan, Phil.	13	13	1.0	5	0
Shivers, St.L.	5	12	2.4	9	0
Kwalick, S.F.	5	11	2.2	10	0
Hayden, St.L.	8	11	1.4	5	1
Neely, Dall.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Smith, Wash.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Herrmann, N.Y.G.	3	9	3.0	11	0
Izenbarger, S.F.	3	9	3.0	7	0
Lindsey, Minn.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Hayes, Dall.	2	8	4.0	7	0
Sullivan, Atl.	2	8	4.0	10	0
Brodie, S.F.	3	8	2.7	4	1
Cuzzo, St.L.	4	7	1.8	9	0
Tucker, N.Y.G.	3	6	2.0	11	1
Kosins, Chi.	3	5	1.7	3	0

INTERCEPTIONS

(2 or more—less, if 10 or more yards)

RECORDS

Most—14, Dick Lane, Los Angeles (1952)
 Most Yds.—301, Don Doll, Detroit (1949)
 Most TD's—3, Dick Lynch, Giants (1963)
 3, Herb Adderley, Green Bay (1965)
 3, Lem Barney, Detroit (1967)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Bradley, Phil.	9	73	8.1	21	0
Ford, Chi.	7	104	14.9	43	0
Nettles, L.A.	6	168	28.0	43	0
Waters, Dall.	6	132	22.0	56	1
Krause, Minn.	6	109	18.2	35	1
Hayes, Atl.	5	10	2.0	8	0
Ellis, G.B.	4	106	26.5	40	1
Hamburger, Wash.	4	98	24.5	41	1
Bryant, Minn.	4	82	20.5	34	0
Lee, N.O.	4	65	16.3	32	0
Buchanan, G.B.	4	62	15.5	26	0
Fischer, Wash.	4	61	15.3	35	0
Lockhart, N.Y.G.	4	56	14.0	129	1
Williams, N.Y.G.	4	42	10.5	18	0
Hill, G.B.	4	37	9.3	21	0
Flowers, N.Y.G.	4	30	7.5	20	0
Johnson, S.F.	4	18	4.5	15	0
Athas, N.Y.G.	4	11	2.8	9	0
Taylor, Chi.	4	0	0.0	0	0
Barney, Det.	3	88	29.3	64	0
Nobis, Atl.	3	74	24.7	37	1
Reaves, Atl.	3	59	19.7	28	0
Winston, Minn.	3	55	18.3	23	0
Bass, Wash.	3	53	17.7	29	0
Jackson, N.O.	3	41	13.7	31	0
Harris, Dall.	3	40	13.3	23	0
Wilson, St.L.	3	35	11.7	24	0

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INTERCEPTIONS					RECEIVING						
No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.		
Elmendorf, L.A.	3	29	9.7	15	0	G. Washington, S.F.	46	918	20.0	162	12
Howard, L.A.	3	26	8.7	124	1	Ron Johnson, N.Y.G.	45	451	10.0	39	5
Farr, St.L.	3	21	7.0	21	0	V. Washington, S.F.	43	393	9.1	33	1
Ramsey, Phil.	3	14	4.7	10	0	Hill, Dall.	43	364	8.5	133	3
Ellis, Atl.	3	13	4.3	13	0	Kwalick, S.F.	40	751	18.8	181	9
Wilcox, S.F.	3	12	4.0	9	0	Abramowicz, N.O.	38	668	17.6	51	7
West, Minn.	3	7	2.3	8	0	Roland, St.L.	38	321	8.4	27	2
Myers, N.O.	3	0	0.0	0	0	Garrison, Dal.	37	390	10.5	126	3
Redmond, Det.	2	91	45.5	188	1	Jefferson, Wash.	35	550	15.7	145	3
Vanderbunt, S.F.	2	58	29.0	137	2	Gillette, St.L.	33	550	16.7	165	2
Lyle, Chi.	2	52	26.0	35	0	Parks, N.O.	32	542	16.9	166	6
Brown, Atl.	2	46	23.0	46	0	Brown, Wash.	32	473	14.8	189	4
Files, N.Y.G.	2	46	23.0	137	1	Sellers, Dall.	31	653	21.1	155	5
Simpson, S.F.	2	32	16.0	132	1	Schreiber, S.F.	31	283	9.1	164	1
J. Wright, Minn.	2	31	15.5	31	0	Snow, L.A.	30	590	19.7	157	4
McGill, St.L.	2	28	14.0	26	0	Hawkins, Phil.	30	512	17.1	167	1
Kassulke, Minn.	2	25	12.5	22	0	Reed, Minn.	30	205	6.8	37	0
Siemon, Minn.	2	23	11.5	23	0	Moore, St.L.	29	500	17.2	98	3
McClinton, Wash.	2	22	11.0	19	0	Burrow, Atl.	29	492	17.0	40	5
Butkus, Chi.	2	19	9.5	14	0	Bertelsen, L.A.	29	331	11.4	22	1
Jordan, Dall.	2	18	9.0	12	0	Klein, L.A.	29	330	11.4	126	1
Roussel, N.O.	2	15	7.5	11	0	Taylor, Det.	29	250	8.6	140	2
Porter, Phil.	2	10	5.0	7	0	Gresham, N.O.	29	192	6.6	54	0
Robinson, G.B.	2	10	5.0	7	0	Mitchell, Atl.	28	470	16.8	140	4
N. Wright, Minn.	2	10	5.0	10	0	Herrmann, N.Y.G.	28	422	15.1	163	5
Matthews, G.B.	2	8	4.0	8	0	Anderson, St.L.	28	298	10.6	56	2
McKeever, L.A.	2	8	4.0	8	0	Beasley, Minn.	28	232	8.3	18	1
Hughes, N.Y.G.	2	4	2.0	3	0	Marinaro, Minn.	28	218	7.8	118	1
Taylor, S.F.	2	4	2.0	2	0	Houston, N.Y.G.	27	468	17.3	194	3
Green, Dall.	2	1	0.5	1	0	C. Sanders, Det.	27	416	15.4	38	2
Rasmussen, Det.	2	1	0.5	1	0	Rentzel, L.A.	27	365	13.5	40	1
Jeter, Chi.	2	0	0.0	0	0	Smith, St.L.	26	407	15.7	71	2
Keyes, Phil.	2	0	0.0	0	0	Lane, G.B.	26	285	11.0	49	0
Lucci, Det.	2	0	0.0	0	0	Evans, N.Y.G.	26	182	7.0	18	1
Bunting, Phil.	1	45	45.0	45	0	Butler, N.O.	25	226	9.0	21	2
Vactor, Wash.	1	28	28.0	28	0	L. Walton, Det.	24	485	20.2	148	6
Hackbart, St.L.	1	22	22.0	22	0	Jessie, Det.	24	424	17.7	182	4
Clark, L.A.	1	18	18.0	18	0	Willard, S.F.	24	131	5.5	15	1
Hilgenberg, Minn.	1	17	17.0	17	1	Hampton, Atl.	23	244	10.6	43	1
R. Taylor, Wash.	1	17	17.0	17	0	Ellison, L.A.	23	141	6.1	139	4
C. Allen, Phil.	1	15	15.0	15	0	B. Brown, Minn.	22	298	13.5	176	4
Lewis, Dall.	1	15	15.0	15	0	Smith, Wash.	21	353	16.8	34	7
Crist, N.Y.G.	1	14	14.0	14	0	Thomas, Chi.	20	365	18.3	44	3
Hollas, N.O.	1	14	14.0	14	0	Carmichael, Phil.	20	276	13.8	54	2
Nunley, S.F.	1	12	12.0	12	0	Osborn, Minn.	20	166	8.3	18	1
Brupbacher, Chi.	1	11	11.0	11	0	James, Phil.	20	156	7.8	35	1
Beard, S.F.	1	10	10.0	10	0	Brockington, G.R.	19	243	12.8	148	1

PASS RECEIVING

(2 or more—less if TD)

RECORDS

Most caught—93, John Morris, Chicago (1964)
Most Yds.—1495, Elroy Hirsch, L.A. (1951)
Most pass TD's—17, Don Hutson, G.B. (1942)
17, Elroy Hirsch, L.A. (1951)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Jackson, Phil.	62	1048	16.9	177	4
Tucker, N.Y.G.	55	764	13.9	39	4
Malone, Atl.	50	585	11.7	157	2
C. Taylor, Wash.	49	673	13.7	170	7
Gilliam, Minn.	47	1035	22.0	166	7
Newland, N.O.	47	579	12.3	142	2

PASSING

(3 or more—less, if TD.)

RECORDS

Most completions—288, Sonny Jurgensen, Washington (1967)
Most TD's—36, Y. A. Tittle, Giants (1963)
Most Yds.—3747, Sonny Jurgensen, Washington (1967)
Longest for TD.—99 yards, Frank Filchock, Washington, to Andy Farkas (1939); George Izo, Washington, to Bobby Mitchell (1963); Carl Sweetan, Detroit, to Pat Studstill (1966); Sonny Jurgensen, Washington, to Gerry Allen (1968).

	Atts.	Comp.	Pct. Comp.	Yds. Gain	Tds.	Long	Had Int.	Pct. Int.	Avg. Gain
Snead, N.Y.G.	325	196	60.3	2307	17	194	12	3.7	7.10
Berry, Atl.	277	154	55.6	2158	13	157	12	4.3	7.79
Tarkenton, Minn.	378	215	56.9	2651	18	176	13	3.4	7.01
Kilmer, Wash.	225	120	53.3	1648	19	189	11	4.9	7.32
Spurrier, S.F.	269	147	54.6	1983	18	181	16	5.9	7.37
Landry, Det.	268	134	50.0	2066	18	182	17	6.3	7.71
Morton, Dall.	339	185	54.6	2396	15	146	21	6.2	7.07
Manning, N.O.	448	230	51.3	2781	18	166	21	4.7	6.21
Gabriel, L.A.	323	165	51.1	2027	12	157	15	4.6	6.28
Reaves, Phil.	224	108	48.2	1508	7	177	12	5.4	6.73
Hunter, G.B.	199	86	43.2	1252	6	49	9	4.5	6.29
Douglass, Chi.	198	75	37.9	1246	9	185	12	6.1	6.29
Cuozzo, St.L.	158	69	43.7	897	5	168	11	7.0	5.68
(Non-Qualifiers)									
Liske, Phil.	138	71	51.4	973	3	167	7	5.1	7.05
Brodie, S.F.	110	70	63.6	905	9	53	8	7.3	8.23
Hart, St.L.	119	60	50.4	857	5	98	5	4.2	7.20
VanGelder, St.L.	79	40	50.6	434	1	71	7	8.9	5.49
Jurgensen, Wash.	59	39	66.1	633	2	136	4	6.8	10.73
Munson, Det.	35	20	57.1	194	1	129	1	2.9	5.54
Beathard, L.A.	48	19	39.6	255	1	33	7	14.6	5.31
Ran. Johnson, N.Y.G.	17	10	58.8	230	3	163	3	17.6	13.53
Tagge, G.B.	29	9	34.5	154	0	31	0	0.0	5.31
Staubach, Dall.	20	9	45.0	98	0	21	2	10.0	4.90
Arrington, Phil.	13	5	38.5	46	0	16	1	7.7	3.54
Lee, Minn.	6	3	50.0	75	1	63	3	15.8	2.32
Sullivan, Atl.	19	3	15.8	44	0	18	3	0.0	51.00
Widby, G.B.	2	2	100.0	102	1	168	0	0.0	23.67
Anderson, St.L.	3	2	66.7	71	0	38	0	0.0	2.80
Huarte, Chi.	5	2	40.0	14	0	8	0	0.0	18.33
Hill, Dall.	3	1	33.3	55	1	155	0	0.0	10.33
Montgomery, Dall.	3	1	33.3	31	0	31	0	0.0	2.25
Patrick, G.B.	4	1	25.0	9	0	9	0	0.0	

Leader based on percentage of completions—touchdown passes—interceptions and average yards.

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng. Tds.
Riley, S.F.	11	156	14.2	128 1
Thomas, L.A.	11	95	8.6	19 0
Henderson, Minn.	10	190	19.0	170 2
Seymour, Chi.	10	165	16.5	135 1
Farr, Det.	10	132	13.2	42 0
Shy, Chi.	10	109	10.9	28 0
Ballman, Phil.	9	183	20.3	43 0
Clements, N.Y.G.	9	118	13.1	39 0
Adkins, N.O.	9	96	10.7	38 0
Montgomery, Dall.	8	131	16.4	46 1
Cotton, Det.	8	129	16.1	35 1
Staggers, G.B.	8	123	15.4	148 1
Lawson, Chi.	8	120	15.0	40 0
Harrison, Chi.	8	30	3.8	20 1
Fugett, Dall.	7	94	13.4	29 0
Green, N.O.	7	49	7.0	15 0
Voigt, Minn.	6	50	8.3	14 1
Jones, Minn.	6	42	7.0	10 0
Burns, St.L.	6	24	4.0	12 0
Watkins, Phil.	6	—	0.3	4 0
Hilton, Det.	5	133	26.6	166 1
McCullough, Det.	5	96	19.2	33 1
Grim, N.Y.G.	5	67	13.4	17 1
Morrison, N.Y.G.	5	39	7.8	13 0
Bailey, Phil.	5	32	6.4	9 0
Davis, G.B.	4	119	29.8	168 1
Garrett, G.B.	4	66	16.5	21 0
Mul-Key, Wash.	4	66	16.5	28 0
Barnes, Det.	4	58	14.5	17 1
McGeorge, G.B.	4	50	12.5	123 2
Traux, Dall.	4	49	12.3	18 0
Sullivan, Phil.	4	17	4.3	7 0
Orduna, N.Y.G.	4	6	1.5	6 1
Turner, Chi.	3	71	23.7	36 0
Isenbarger, S.F.	3	66	22.0	33 1
Gray, St.L.	3	62	20.7	33 0
Gordon, L.A.	3	25	9.7	17 1
Lindsey, Minn.	3	28	9.3	13 0
Profit, Atl.	3	22	7.3	14 0
Witcher, S.F.	3	22	7.3	17 1
Kopay, G.B.	3	19	6.3	9 0
Alston, Wash.	2	53	26.5	36 0
Eddy, Det.	2	46	23.0	136 1
Hyatt, St.L.	2	32	16.0	25 0
Sweet, L.A.	2	26	13.0	117 1
Duhon, N.Y.G.	2	20	10.0	12 0
Kosins, Chi.	2	15	7.5	8 1
Zofko, Det.	2	14	7.0	17 0
Love, L.A.	1	19	19.0	119 1
Walik, Phil.	1	15	15.0	115 1
Parsons, Chi.	1	6	6.0	16 1

PUNTING

RECORDS

Most—92, Howard Maley, Boston Yanks (1947)
 Best Avg. 51.3, Sammy Baugh, Washington (1940)
 Longest—94 yds., Wilbur Henry, Canton (1923)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng. Tds.
Chapple, L.A.	53	2344	44.2	70 0
James, Atl.	61	2609	42.8	59 0
Eischeid, Minn.	62	2651	42.8	61 1
Blanchard, N.Y.G.	47	2006	42.7	58 1
Widby, G.B.	65	2714	41.8	64 2
Green, Chi.	67	2758	41.2	58 0
Fagan, N.O.	71	2899	40.8	71 1
H. Weaver, Det.	43	1734	40.3	55 0
Bradley, Phil.	56	2250	40.2	60 0
McCann, S.F.	64	2542	39.7	63 1
Anderson, St.L.	72	2847	39.5	61 0
Bragg, Wash.	59	2273	38.5	62 0
Bateman, Dall.	51	1949	38.2	61 0
(Non-Qualifiers)				
McNeill, Phil.	7	290	41.4	51 0
Bakken, St.L.	1	26	26.0	26 0

Based on average punt—minimum 35 punts.

PUNT RETURNS

(5 or more returns)

RECORDS

Most—53, Alvin Haymond, Los Angeles (1970)
 Most Yds.—555, Bill Grimes, G.B. (1950)
 Longest—98 yards, Gil Le Febvre, Cinn. (1933)
 Charley West, Minn. (1968)

	No.	F.C.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng. Tds.
Ellis, G.B.	14	1	215	15.4	180 1
Bertelsen, L.A.	16	3	232	14.5	60 0
McGill, S.F.	22	0	219	10.0	33 0
Barney, Det.	15	8	108	7.2	26 0
Bradley, Phil.	22	7	155	7.0	60 0
West, Minn.	16	6	111	6.9	23 0
Taylor, S.F.	21	8	145	6.9	41 0
Belton, Atl.	17	6	110	6.5	34 0
Smith, Chi.	26	3	163	6.3	29 0
Vactor, Wash.	17	14	88	5.2	28 0
Harris, Dall.	19	16	78	4.1	21 0
(Non-Qualifiers)					
Duncan, Wash.	11	6	70	6.4	18 0
Bryant, Minn.	10	15	48	4.8	10 0
Love, L.A.	10	4	39	3.9	10 0
Staggers, G.B.	9	20	148	16.4	185 1
Waters, Dall.	9	7	56	6.2	17 0
Myers, N.O.	9	15	43	4.8	10 0
Willingham, St.L.	9	6	41	4.6	13 0
Athas, N.Y.G.	8	6	95	11.9	48 0
Brown, Atl.	8	10	71	8.9	29 0
Grim, N.Y.G.	7	14	10	1.4	10 0
Adkins, N.O.	7	2	0	0.0	4 0
Haymond, Wash.	6	1	1	0.2	6 0
Wehrli, St.L.	5	6	24	4.8	22 0

Based on average returns—minimum 14 returns.

KICKOFF RETURNS

(4 or more—less if TD)

RECORDS

Most—46—Dave Hampton, Green Bay (1971)
 46—Chuck Latourette, St. Louis (1968)
 Most Yds.—1314 Dave Hampton, Green Bay (1971)
 Most TD's—4, Travis Williams, Green Bay (1967)
 4, Cecil Turner, Chicago (1970)
 Longest—106 yds., (TD), Al Carmichael, G.B. (1956)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng. Tds.
Smith, Chi.	30	924	30.8	194 1
Nelson, Phil.	25	728	29.1	78 0
V. Washington, S.F.	27	771	28.6	198 1
Thompson, N.Y.G.	29	821	28.3	192 1
Thomas, G.B.	21	572	27.2	89 0
Gilliam, Minn.	14	369	26.4	47 0
Turner, Chi.	16	409	25.6	57 0
Ellison, L.A.	14	345	24.6	32 0
Duncan, Wash.	15	364	24.3	41 0
Jessie, Det.	23	558	24.3	62 0
Adkins, N.O.	43	1020	23.7	61 0
Zofko, Det.	26	616	23.7	49 0
Harris, Dall.	26	615	23.7	44 0
Gray, St.L.	17	378	22.2	29 0
Walik, Phil.	21	466	22.2	35 0
Moore, St.L.	20	437	21.9	37 0
Hampton, Atl.	25	535	21.4	52 0
Newhouse, Dall.	18	382	21.2	30 0
Belton, Atl.	21	441	21.0	41 0
(Non-Qualifiers)				
Jones, Minn.	12	327	27.3	48 0
Orduna, N.Y.G.	12	244	20.3	39 0
Staggers, G.B.	11	260	23.6	39 0
Hudson, G.B.	11	247	22.5	55 0
Haymond, Wash.	10	291	29.1	41 0
McGill, S.F.	10	192	19.2	30 0
West, Minn.	9	196	21.8	31 0
Willingham, St.L.	9	194	21.6	28 0
Thomas, L.A.	8	212	26.5	43 0
Mul-Key, Wash.	8	209	26.1	44 0
Brunet, Wash.	8	190	23.8	45 0
Green, N.O.	8	187	23.4	58 0
Love, L.A.	8	167	20.9	27 0
R. Williams, L.A.	6	141	23.5	29 0
Gordon, L.A.	4	141	35.3	53 0
Bertelsen, L.A.	4	88	22.0	25 0
Butler, St.L.	4	85	21.3	27 0
Strong, N.O.	4	53	13.3	22 0
Douglas, N.Y.G.	4	43	10.8	22 0
Curran, L.A.	4	37	9.3	19 0
Thomas, Chi.	0	82	—	182L 1

L—Lateral.



RON SMITH, led NFL with 30 kickoff returns, one a 94-yard touchdown.

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng. Tds.
Clark, L.A.	3	59	19.7	28 0
Pergine, L.A.	3	46	15.3	19 0
B. Brown, Minn.	3	37	12.3	27 0
Winfield, Phil.	3	9	3.0	9 0
Small, N.Y.G.	1	100	100.0	77L 0
L. Walton, Det.	0	96	—	50L 0

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SCORING

RECORDS

Points—155, Gino Cappelletti, Boston (1964)
TD's—19, Abner Haynes, Dallas (1962)
FG's—34, Jim Turner, N.Y. Jets (1968)
XP—64, George Blanda, Houston (1961)

	Td.	Td.	XP	FG	FGA	Tot
	R.	P.				Pts
Howfield, N.Y.J.	0	0	40	27	37	121
Gerela, Pitt.	0	0	35	28	41	119
Yapremian, Mia.	0	0	43	24	37	115
Muhlmann, Cin.	0	0	30	27	40	111
J. Turner, Den.	0	0	37	20	29	97
Blanda, Oak.	0	0	44	17	26	95
Stenerud, K.C.	0	0	32	21	36	95
Cockroft, Clev.	0	0	28	22	27	94
Boozar, N.Y.J.	11	3	0	0	0	84
Little, Den.	9	4	0	0	0	78
Leyboldt, Buff.	0	0	29	16	24	77
O'Brien, Balt.	0	2	24	13	31	75
Morris, Mia.	12	0	0	0	0	72
Partee, S.D.	0	0	26	15	25	71
Harris, Pitt.	10	1	0	0	0	66
Caster, N.Y.J.	0	10	0	0	0	60
Smith, Oak.	8	2	0	0	0	60
S. Butler, Hou.	0	0	15	12	19	51
Chester, Oak.	0	8	0	0	0	48
Pitts, Clev.	0	8	0	0	0	48
Riggins, N.Y.J.	7	1	0	0	0	48
Biletnikoff, Oak.	0	7	0	0	0	42
Bradshaw, Pitt.	7	0	0	0	0	42
Dressler, Cin.	6	1	0	0	0	42
Edwards, S.D.	5	2	0	0	0	42
Garrett, S.D.	6	1	0	0	0	42
Garrison, S.D.	0	7	0	0	0	42
Braxton, Buff.	5	1	0	0	0	36
Csonka, Mia.	6	0	0	0	0	36
Davis, Oak.	6	0	0	0	0	36
Havrilak, Balt.	2	4	0	0	0	36
E. Johnson, Cin.	4	2	0	0	0	36
Klick, Mia.	5	1	0	0	0	36
Moses, Buff.-Den.	0	6	0	0	0	36
Podolak, K.C.	4	2	0	0	0	36
Simpson, Buff.	6	0	0	0	0	36
Taylor, K.C.	0	6	0	0	0	36
B. Chandler, Buff.	0	5	0	0	0	30
Frazier, K.C.	0	5	0	0	0	30
Garrett, N.E.	5	0	0	0	0	30
Hill, Buff.	0	5	0	0	0	30
Kelly, Clev.	4	1	0	0	0	30
Lewis, Pitt.	0	5	0	0	0	30
McCauley, Balt.	3	2	0	0	0	30
Phipps, Clev.	5	0	0	0	0	30
Siani, Oak.	0	5	0	0	0	30
Gogolak, N.E.	0	0	9	6	8	27
Ashton, N.E.	3	1	0	0	0	24
Briscoe, Mia.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Burroughs, Hou.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Fuqua, Pitt.	4	0	0	0	0	24
Hubbard, Oak.	4	0	0	0	0	24
Kearney, K.C.	4	0	0	0	0	24
T. Mitchell, Balt.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Walker, N.E.	0	0	15	2	8	21
Anderson, Cin.	3	0	0	0	0	18

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	Td.	Td.	XP	FG	FGA	Tot
	R.	P.				Pts
Dowling, N.E.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Hayes, K.C.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Mandich, Mia.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Masters, Den.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Myers, Cin.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Nottingham, Balt.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Parrish, Cin.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Robinson, Hou.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Rucker, N.E.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Shanklin, Pitt.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Sherman, Den.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Twilley, Mia.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Warfield, Mia.	0	3	0	0	0	18
West, K.C.	1	2	0	0	0	18
Williams, S.D.	0	1	0	0	0	18
Anderson, Den.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Barkum, N.Y.J.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Bell, N.Y.J.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Brown, Clev.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Carter, Cin.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Dawkins, Den.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Dicus, S.D.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Hooker, Clev.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Joiner, Hou.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Lynch, Den.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Maynard, N.Y.J.	0	2	0	0	0	12
L. Mitchell, Balt.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Pastorini, Hou.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Ramsey, Den.	2	0	0	0	0	12
T. Reynolds, N.E.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Rodgers, Hou.	2	0	0	0	0	12
R. Scott, Clev.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Simmons, Den.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Stowe, Mia.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Tarver, N.E.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Trumpy, Cin.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Vataha, N.E.	0	2	0	0	0	12
White, Buff.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Willis, Hou.	0	2	0	0	0	12
McClard, S.D.	0	0	2	3	6	11
Adamle, K.C.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Anderson, Mia.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Banaszak, Oak.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Beauchamp, S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Beirne, Hou.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Bell, K.C.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Blount, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Briggs, Clev.	1	0	0	0	0	6
L. Brown, Pitt.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Bulaich, Balt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Carwell, N.E.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Casanova, Cin.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Coslett, Cinn.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Craig, Cin.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Curtis, Cin.	1	0	0	0	0	6
H. Davis, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Steve Davis, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Dawson, Hou.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Domres, Balt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Farasopoulos, N.Y.J.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Fleming, Mia.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Ginn, Mia.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Greene, Buff.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Greer, Den.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Griese, Mia.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hadl, S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Ham, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Highsmith, Oak.	1	0	0	0	0	6
E. Hinton, Balt.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Homan, K.C.	0	1	0	0	0	6

PASSING

(10 or more completions—less if TD)

RECORDS

Most completions—262, George Blanda, Houston (1964)

Most TD's—36, George Blanda, Houston (1961)

Most Yds.—4,007, Joe Namath, N.Y. Jets (1967)

Longest—98 yds. (TD) Jack Lee, Houston, to Dewveall (1962)

	Atts.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	Tds.	Long	Had	Pct.	Avg.
				Gain			Int.	Int.	Gain
Morrall, Mia.	150	83	55.5	1360	11	49	7	4.7	9.07
Lamonica, Oak.	281	149	53.0	1998	18	170	12	4.3	7.11
Johnson, Den.	238	132	55.5	1783	14	60	14	5.9	7.49
Unitas, Balt.	157	88	56.1	1111	4	163	6	3.8	7.08
Anderson, Cin.	301	171	56.8	1918	7	165	7	2.3	6.37
Domres, Balt.	222	115	51.8	1392	11	162	6	2.7	6.27
Dawson, K.C.	305	175	57.4	1835	13	44	12	3.9	6.02
Namath, N.Y.J.	324	162	50.0	2816	19	183	21	6.5	8.69
Shaw, Buff.	258	136	52.7	1666	14	158	17	6.6	6.46
Hadl, S.D.	370	190	51.4	2449	15	61	26	7.0	6.62
Phipps, Clev.	305	144	47.2	1994	13	180	16	5.2	6.54
Bradshaw, Pitt.	308	147	47.7	1887	12	178	12	3.9	6.13
Pastorini, Hou.	299	144	48.2	1711	7	182	12	4.0	5.72
Plunkett, N.E.	355	169	47.6	2196	8	62	25	7.0	6.19

(Non-Qualifiers)

Ramsey, Den.	137	65	47.4	1050	3	55	9	6.6	7.66
Griese, Mia.	97	53	54.6	638	4	39	4	4.1	6.58
Carter, Cin.	82	47	57.3	579	3	36	4	4.9	7.06
Stabler, Oak.	74	44	59.5	524	4	22	3	4.1	7.08
Livingston, K.C.	78	41	52.6	480	7	136	8	10.3	6.15
Nix, Hou.	63	33	52.4	287	3	19	6	9.5	4.56
Dowling, N.E.	54	29	53.7	383	2	42	1	1.9	7.09
Taliaferro, Buff.	33	16	48.5	176	1	24	4	12.1	5.33
Nelsen, Clev.	31	14	45.2	141	0	26	3	9.7	4.55
Davis, N.Y.J.	22	10	45.5	114	2	35	1	4.5	5.18
Simpson, Buff.	8	5	62.5	113	1	34	0	0.0	14.13
DelGaizo, Mia.	9	5	55.6	165	2	151	1	11.1	18.33
Blanda, Oak.	15	5	33.3	77	1	126	0	0.0	5.13
Little, Den.	2	2	100.0	43	1	135	0	0.0	21.50
Anderson, Den.	3	1	33.3	14	1	114	0	0.0	4.67

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Jackson, Buff.	0	1	0	0	0	6	
Kinney, K.C.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Lee, Buff.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Matte, Balt.	0	1	0	0	0	6	
Mauck, S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
McMakin, Pitt.	0	1	0	0	0	6	
R. Montgomery, Den.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Moore, Oak.	0	1	0	0	0	6	
Morin, Clev.	0	1	0	0	0	6	
Morrall, Mia.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Mullins, Pitt.	0	1	0	0	0	6	
Mumphord, Mia.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Munsey, Balt.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Odums, Den.	0	1	0	0	0	6	
Patrick, Buff.	0	1	0	0	0	6	
Phillips, Cin.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Plunkett, N.E.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Rasmussen, N.Y.J.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Roman, Clev.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
C. Scott, Clev.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Staroba, Clev.	0	1	0	0	0	6	
Stewart, N.Y.J.	0	1	0	0	0	6	
Stroud, K.C.	0	1	0	0	0	6	
Tatum, Oak.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Taylor, S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Thomas, Cin.	0	1	0	0	0	6	
VanHeusen, Den.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Villapiano, Oak.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Walsh, Hou.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Windsor, N.E.	0	1	0	0	0	6	
Wyatt, Buff.	1	0	0	0	0	6	
Moseley, Hou.	0	0	2	1	2	5	
Shlapak, Balt.	0	0	4	0	8	4	

Safeties—White, Cin.; Anderson, Pitt.; D. Costa, S.D.

RUSHING

(20 or more yards—less if TD)

RECORDS

Most—299, Jim Nance, Boston (1966)
 Most Yds.—1458, Jim Nance, Boston (1966)
 Most TD's—13, Cookie Gilchrist, Buffalo (1962)
 13, Abner Haynes, Dallas (1962)

	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Simpson, Buff.	292	1251	4.3	194	6
Csonka, Mia.	213	1117	5.2	45	6
Hubbard, Oak.	219	1100	5.0	39	4
Harris, Pitt.	188	1055	5.6	175	10
Garrett, N.E.	131	488	3.7	141	5
Morris, Mia.	190	1000	5.3	33	12
Riggins, N.Y.J.	207	944	4.6	40	7
Little, Den.	216	859	4.0	155	9
E. Johnson, Cin.	212	825	3.9	19	4
Kelly, Clev.	224	811	3.6	18	4
Smith, Oak.	170	686	4.0	28	8
Edwards, S.D.	157	679	4.3	131	5
McCauley, Balt.	178	675	3.8	36	2
Fuqua, Pitt.	150	665	4.4	47	4
Podolak, K.C.	171	615	3.6	30	4
R. Scott, Clev.	123	571	4.6	127	2
Dressler, Cin.	128	565	4.4	143	6
Boozer, N.Y.J.	120	549	4.6	137	11
Ashton, N.E.	128	546	4.3	35	3
Hayes, K.C.	128	536	4.2	28	0
Klick, Mia.	137	521	3.8	26	5
Garrett, S.D.	272	1031	3.8	141	6
Nottingham, Balt.	123	466	3.8	25	3
Willis, Cin.-Hou.	134	461	3.4	43	0
Braxton, Buff.	116	453	3.9	21	5
Robinson, Cin.-Hou.	107	449	4.2	130	3
Davis, Oak.	71	363	5.1	145	6
Bradshaw, Pitt.	58	346	6.0	120	7
Anderson, Den.	72	319	4.4	40	1
McClain, N.Y.J.	59	305	5.2	30	0
Adams, K.C.	73	303	4.2	19	1
Pearson, Pitt.	67	264	3.9	21	0
Phipps, Clev.	60	256	4.3	18	5
Dawkins, Den.	56	243	4.3	19	2
Plunkett, N.E.	36	230	6.4	21	1
L. Mitchell, Balt.	45	215	4.8	14	1
Phillips, Cin.	48	207	4.3	20	1
Pastorini, Hou.	38	205	5.4	17	2
Rodgers, Hou.	71	204	2.9	14	2
Granger, Hou.	42	175	4.2	14	0
R. Holmes, Hou.	43	172	4.0	18	0
Lynch, Den.	34	164	4.8	28	2
Ginn, Mia.	27	142	5.3	22	1
Banaszak, Oak.	30	138	4.6	15	1
Shaw, Buff.	35	138	3.9	16	0
Domres, Balt.	30	137	4.6	115	1
Matte, Balt.	33	137	4.2	18	0
Livingston, K.C.	14	133	9.5	51	0
Tarver, N.E.	42	132	3.1	21	1
Patrick, Buff.	35	130	3.7	9	0
Harkey, N.Y.J.	45	129	2.9	10	0
Kinney, K.C.	38	122	3.2	16	1
Brown, Clev.	32	114	3.6	14	2
Bulaich, Balt.	27	109	4.0	18	1
Hadl, S.D.	22	99	4.5	17	1
Anderson, Cin.	22	94	4.3	18	3
Otis, K.C.	22	92	4.2	12	0
Steve Davis, Pitt.	20	85	4.3	128	1
Leigh, Mia.	21	79	3.8	10	0
Van Heusen, Den.	3	76	25.3	166	1
Dawson, K.C.	15	75	5.0	20	0
L. White, S.D.	23	75	3.3	12	0
Odums, Den.	5	72	14.4	27	0
Havrilak, Balt.	12	72	6.0	132	2
Lewis, Pitt.	3	68	22.7	41	0
Morrall, Mia.	17	67	3.9	131	1
Kreig, Den.	1	63	63.0	63	0
Taylor, S.D.	13	58	4.5	17	0
Carter, Cin.	12	57	4.8	14	2

RUSHING	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Jackson, Buff.	17	57	3.4	15	0
Gladieux, N.E.	24	56	2.3	11	0
Bjorklund, N.Y.J.	15	42	2.8	10	0
Walsh, Hou.	8	36	4.5	14	0
Dowling, N.E.	7	35	5.0	11	3
Doughty, Balt.	2	33	16.5	17	0
Lamonica, Oak.	10	33	3.3	14	0
Maitland, N.E.	13	33	2.5	6	0
Davis, N.Y.J.	6	32	5.3	20	0
Dragon, S.D.	9	30	3.3	7	0
Pitts, Clev.	3	29	9.7	13	0
B. Chandler, Buff.	3	27	9.0	16	0
Stabler, Oak.	6	27	4.5	15	0
Carter, S.D.	1	25	25.0	25	0
Wright, K.C.	1	24	24.0	24	0
Warfield, Mia.	4	23	5.8	21	0
Bankston, Pitt.	7	20	2.9	11	0
Ramsey, Den.	6	15	2.5	18	2
Griese, Mia.	11	3.7	5	1	
Highsmith, Oak.	9	11	1.2	12	1

Leader based on most yards gained.

PASS RECEIVING

(7 or more—less if TD)

RECORDS

Most caught—101, Ch. Hennigan, Houston (1964)
 Most yds.—1746, Ch. Hennigan, Houston (1961)
 Most Pass TD's—17, Bill Groman, Houston (1961)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Biletnikoff, Oak.	58	802	13.8	139	7
Taylor, K.C.	57	821	14.4	44	6
Myers, Cin.	57	792	13.9	42	3
Hill, Buff.	52	754	14.5	158	5
Garrison, S.D.	52	744	14.3	152	7
Podolak, K.C.	46	345	7.5	127	2
Willis, Cin.-Hou.	45	297	6.6	27	2
Rucker, N.E.	44	681	15.5	62	3
Trumpy, Cin.	44	500	11.4	38	2
Edwards, S.D.	40	557	13.9	61	2
T. Mitchell, Balt.	40	494	12.4	34	4
Caster, N.Y.J.	39	833	21.4	180	10
Dressler, Cin.	39	348	8.9	33	1
Shanklin, Pitt.	38	669	17.6	57	3
Sherman, Den.	38	661	17.4	55	3
Pitts, Clev.	36	620	17.2	180	8
Bell, N.Y.J.	35	629	18.0	183	2
Chester, Oak.	34	576	16.9	168	8
Havrilak, Balt.	33	571	17.3	162	4
B. Chandler, Buff.	33	528	16.0	143	5
Windsor, N.E.	33	383	11.6	24	1
Hooker, Clev.	32	441	13.8	43	2
Hayes, K.C.	31	295	9.5	129	3

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Garrett, S.D.	31	245	7.9	127	1
Morin, Clev.	30	540	18.0	36	1
Garrett, N.E.	30	410	13.7	43	0
Smith, Pitt.-Hou.	30	316	10.5	25	0
McCauley, Balt.	30	256	8.5	34	2
Warfield, Mia.	29	606	20.9	47	3
Maynard, N.Y.J.	29	510	17.6	41	2
E. Johnson, Cin.	29	420	14.5	165	2
Siani, Oak.	28	496	17.7	170	5
Little, Den.	28	367	13.1	40	4
Smith, Oak.	28	353	12.6	43	2
Lewis, Pitt.	27	391	14.5	52	5
Simpson, Buff.	27	198	7.3	25	0
Burrough, Hou.	26	521	20.0	180	4
Masters, Den.	25	393	15.7	27	3
Vataha, N.E.	25	369	14.8	44	2
Nottingham, Balt.	25	191	7.6	27	0
Joiner, Hou.-Cin.	24	439	18.3	182	2
Braxton, Buff.	24	232	9.7	25	1
Anderson, Den.	23	215	9.3	40	1
Kelly, Clev.	23	204	8.9	28	1
R. Scott, Clev.	23	172	7.5	30	0
Ashton, N.E.	22	207	9.4	124	1
Hubbard, Oak.	22	103	4.7	21	0
Odums, Den.	21	320	15.2	48	1
McMakin, Pitt.	21	277	13.2	178	1
Riggins, N.Y.J.	21	230	11.0	167	1
Harris, Pitt.	21	180	8.6	29	1
Klick, Mia.	21	147	7.0	15	1
Twilley, Mia.	20	364	18.2	44	3
Norman, S.D.	19	262	13.8	30	0
Reed, Hou.	19	251	13.2	29	0
Gladieux, N.E.	19	192	10.1	31	0
Moses, Buff.-Den.	18	284	15.8	33	6
Dawkins, Den.	18	242	13.4	60	0
Dicus, S.D.	18	227	12.6	146	2
Fuqua, Pitt.	18	152	8.4	28	0
L. Mitchell, Balt.	18	147	8.2	26	1
Simmons, Den.	17	235	13.8	135	2

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Thomas, Cinn.	17	171	10.1	18	1
Barkum, N.Y.J.	16	304	19.0	52	2
Briscoe, Mia.	16	279	17.4	151	4
Morris, Mia.	15	168	11.2	34	0
Adams, K.C.	15	76	5.1	11	0
Granger, Hou.	15	74	4.9	20	0
Williams, S.D.	14	315	22.5	62	3
Matte, Balt.	14	182	13.0	43	1
Robinson, Hou.	14	112	8.0	24	0
Stowe, Mia.	13	276	21.2	49	2
Frazier, K.C.	13	172	13.2	35	5
Fleming, Mia.	13	156	12.0	31	1
White, Buff.	12	148	12.3	18	2
Homan, K.C.	12	135	11.3	38	1
Otis, K.C.	12	76	6.3	13	0
O'Brien, Balt.	11	263	23.9	44	2
Mandich, Mia.	11	168	15.3	39	3
E. Hinton, Balt.	11	146	13.3	163	1
Boozer, N.Y.J.	11	142	12.9	149	3
Harvey, N.E.	11	112	10.2	22	1
Mackey, S.D.	11	110	10.0	21	0
Wright, K.C.	11	81	7.4	14	0
Pearson, Pitt.	11	79	7.2	15	0
Phillips, Cin.	10	50	5.0	15	0
West, K.C.	9	165	18.3	142	2
Harkey, N.Y.J.	9	114	12.7	24	0
Banaszak, Oak.	9	63	7.0	16	0
Bulaich, Balt.	9	55	6.1	10	0
T. Reynolds, N.E.	8	152	19.0	136	2
Speyer, Balt.	8	114	14.3	21	0
Davis, Oak.	8	82	10.3	26	0
Patrick, Buff.	8	42	5.3	10	1
Beirne, Hou.	7	95	13.6	19	1
Lynch, Den.	7	75	10.7	17	0
Dawson, Hou.	6	78	13.0	20	1
Moore, Oak.	6	49	8.2	17	1
Coslett, Cin.	5	48	9.6	17	1
Stroud, K.C.	4	80	20.0	44	1
Stewart, N.Y.J.	2	26	13.0	22	1
Jackson, Buff.	2	21	10.5	113	1
Staroba, Clev.	1	19	19.0	119	1
L. Brown, Pitt.	1	13	13.0	113	1
Mullins, Pitt.	1	3	3.0	13	1

Leader based on most passes caught.

INTERCEPTIONS

(2 or more—less if touchdown)

RECORDS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Most—12, Fred Glick, Houston (1963)					
12, Dainard Paulson, Jets (1964)					
Most TD's—4, Ken Houston, Houston (1971)					
4, Jim Kearney, Kansas City (1972)					

RECORDS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Sensibaugh, K.C.	8	65	8.1	35	0
Tannen, N.Y.J.	7	125	17.9	32	0
Salter, S.D.	7	111	15.9	31	0
Ham, Pitt.	7	83	11.9	132	1
Lee, Buff.	6	155	25.8	61	1
Beauchamp, S.D.	6	96	16.0	147	1
Wagner, Pitt.	6	77	12.8	35	0
Kearney, K.C.	5	192	38.4	165	4
Casanova, Cin.	5	108	21.6	33	0
Parrish, Cin.	5	90	18.0	133	2
Scott, Mia.	5	73	14.6	31	0
Dunlap, S.D.	5	67	13.4	25	0
Stukes, Balt.	5	23	4.6	11	0
Jackson, N.E.	4	133	33.3	55	0
Tatum, Oak.	4	91	22.8	56	0
Volk, Balt.	4	86	21.5	23	0
Curtis, Balt.	4	74	18.5	33	1
Tyler, Buff.	4	61	15.3	27	0
Wyatt, Buff.	4	52	13.0	149	1
Mumphord, Mia.	4	50	12.5	128	1
Wilson, Oak.	4	48	12.0	32	0
Logan, Balt.	4	47	11.8	20	0
Atkinson, Oak.	4	37	9.3	23	0
Rowser, Pitt.	4	30	7.5	23	0
W. Brown, Oak.	4	26	6.5	13	0
Villapiano, Oak.	3	97	32.3	182	1
Blount, Pitt.	3	75	25.0	34	0
Anderson, Pitt.	3	68	22.7	41	0
Darden, Clev.	3	64	21.3	20	0
Bell, K.C.	3	56	18.7	161	1
Greene, Buff.	3	45	15.0	139	1
Harris, N.E.	3	45	15.0	32	0
Adams, Cin.	3	44	14.7	19	0
Anderson, Mia.	3	34	11.3	22	0
Mitchell, Den.	3	27	9.0	27	0
Foley, Mia.	3	25	8.3	15	0
Johnson, Mia.	3	20	6.7	13	0
Davis, Clev.	3	10	3.3	10	0
Swift, Mia.	3	5	1.7	4	0
Riley, Cin.	3	0	0.0	0	0
Craig, Cin.	2	76	38.0	163	1
Farasopoulos, N.Y.J.	2	48	24.0	25	0
Thomas, K.C.	2	46	23.0	26	0
May, Balt.	2	43	21.5	37	0
Atkins, Hou.	2	37	18.5	34	0
H. Davis, Pitt.	2	32	16.0	28	0
Marsalis, K.C.	2	20	10.0	19	0
Greer, Den.	2	18	9.0	17	0
Irons, Oak.	2	18	9.0	11	0
Buoniconti, Mia.	2	17	8.5	10	0
Beatty, Pitt.	2	16	8.0	16	0
Sowells, N.Y.J.	2	14	7.0	14	0
Hendricks, Balt.	2	13	6.5	13	0
Graham, Den.	2	10	5.0	7	0
Babich, S.D.	2	9	4.5	9	0
Charles, Hou.	2	6	3.0	6	0
Lanier, K.C.	2	2	1.0	2	0
Baker, N.Y.J.	2	0	0.0	0	0
Roman, Clev.	1	36	36.0	136	1

PUNTING

(11 or more)

RECORDS

Most—105, Bob Scarpitto (1967)
Best Avg.—46.2, Dave Lewis, Cin. (1970)
Longest—98 yds., Steve O'Neal, N.Y. Jets (1969)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Bk.
Wilson, K.C.	66	2960	44.8	69	1
Walden, Pitt.	65	2846	43.8	72	2
Cockroft, Clev.	81	3498	43.2	65	0
Lewis, Cin.	66	2777	42.1	60	0
Lee, Balt.	57	2400	42.1	60	1
Pastorini, Hou.	82	3381	41.2	63	1
Partee, S.D.	45	1813	40.3	65	0
VanHeusen, Den.	60	2408	40.1	60	1
Seiple, Mia.	36	1437	39.9	54	0
O'Neal, N.Y.J.	51	2006	39.3	57	1
Jones, Buff.	80	3104	38.8	67	1
Studdill, N.E.	75	2859	38.1	57	1
DePoyster, Oak.	55	2031	36.9	57	3

(Non-Qualifiers)

Lothridge, Mia.	4	150	37.5	42	0
Anderson, Mia.	4	147	36.8	45	0
S. Butler, Hou.	3	105	35.0	47	0
Gerela, Pitt.	1	29	29.0	29	0

Based on average punt—minimum 35 punts.

PUNT RETURNS

(6 or more—less if TD)

RECORDS

Most—46, Rodger Bird, Oakland (1967)
Most yds.—612, Rodger Bird, Oakland (1967)

	No.	F.C.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Farasopoulos, N.Y.J.....	17	17	179	10.5	165	1
Casanova, Cin.	30	19	289	9.6	166	1
Leigh, Mia.	22	5	210	9.5	27	0
Dunlap, S.D.	19	11	179	9.4	21	0
Parrish, Cinn.	15	2	141	9.4	151	1
Edwards, Pitt.	22	19	202	9.2	54	0
Laird, Balt.	34	11	303	8.9	42	0
Majors, Clev.	16	6	96	6.0	41	0
Houston, Hou.	25	7	148	5.9	33	0
Marshall, K.C.	18	5	103	5.7	29	0
Darden, Clev.	15	7	61	4.1	37	0

(Non-Qualifiers)

Scott, Mia.	13	3	100	7.7	15	0
Branch, Oak.	12	5	21	1.8	14	0
Wyatt, Buff.	11	5	85	7.7	27	0
Sherman, Den.	10	5	89	8.9	18	0
Atkinson, Oak.	10	1	33	3.3	8	0
Little, Den.	8	2	64	8.0	29	0
Podolak, K.C.	8	10	11	1.4	12	0
Cole, Buff.	7	6	35	5.0	13	0
Moore, Hou.	7	2	15	2.1	19	0
Garrett, N.E.	6	0	36	6.0	27	0
Greer, Den.	4	0	67	16.8	165	1

Based on average return—minimum 14 returns.

KICKOFF RETURNS

(4 or more)

RECORDS

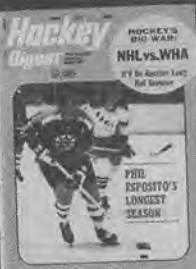
Most—47, Odell Barry, Denver (1964)
Most Yds.—1317, Bobby Jancik, Houston (1963)
Most TD's—2, Burton, N.Y. Jets (1960)
Longest—106 yds. (TD), N. Smith, K.C. (1967)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Laird, Balt.	29	843	29.1	73	0
Marshall, K.C.	23	651	28.3	48	0
R. Montgomery, Den.	29	756	26.1	194	1
Davis, Oak	18	464	25.8	49	0
Garret, N.E.	16	410	25.6	49	0
Wyatt, Buff.	17	432	25.4	43	0
Cole, Hou. Buff.	18	456	25.3	51	0
Greene, Buff.	15	378	25.2	66	0
Jackson, Cin.	21	509	24.2	62	0
Farasopoulos, N.Y.J.	26	627	24.1	51	0
Morris, Mia.	14	334	23.9	33	0
Dawkins, Mia.	15	357	23.8	31	0
Brown, Clev.	20	473	23.7	47	0
Parrish, Cin.	15	348	23.2	45	0
Taylor, S.D.	31	676	21.8	41	0
Ashton, N.E.	15	309	20.6	31	0
Rodgers, Hou.	17	335	19.7	32	0
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Wise, N.Y.J.	9	211	23.4	33	0
Hoey, N.E.	9	210	23.3	30	0
Rucker, N.E.	9	191	21.2	31	0
Adams, K.C.	8	227	28.4	43	0
Harris, Pitt.	8	185	23.1	37	0
Steve Davis, Pitt.	8	183	22.9	32	0
A. Johnson, Hou.	7	207	29.6	82	0
Bjorklund, N.Y.J.	7	154	22.0	28	0
Berry, S.D.	7	150	21.4	27	0
Podolak, K.C.	7	138	19.7	26	0
Leigh, Mia.	7	119	17.0	23	0
Lefear, Clev.	6	153	25.5	45	0
Joiner, Cin.	6	138	23.0	29	0
Koy, Buff.	5	88	17.6	25	0
Detwiler, S.D.	5	63	12.6	25	0
Hicks, N.Y.J.	4	94	23.5	26	0
Kinney, K.C.	4	73	18.3	23	0
Warren, Oak.	4	63	15.8	25	0
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Buffalo at San Diego	1:00
Cleveland at Pittsburgh	1:00
Detroit at Green Bay	1:00
Houston at Cincinnati	1:00
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Miami at Oakland	1:00
Minnesota at Chicago	1:00
New York Jets at Baltimore	2:00
Philadelphia at New York Giants	1:00
San Francisco at Denver	2:00
Washington at St. Louis	1:00
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Cincinnati at San Diego	1:00
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Los Angeles at San Francisco	1:00
New England at Miami	1:00
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Pittsburgh at Houston	1:00
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Chicago at New Orleans	1:00
Cleveland at Cincinnati	1:00
Denver at Kansas City	1:00
Green Bay at New York Giants	1:00
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Oakland at St. Louis	1:00
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Denver at Pittsburgh	1:00
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Houston at Kansas City	1:00
Miami at Buffalo	1:00
New Orleans at San Diego	1:00
New York Jets at Cincinnati	1:00
Philadelphia at Dallas	1:00
St. Louis at New York Giants	1:00
San Francisco at Los Angeles	1:00
19—Minnesota at Atlanta ABC-TV	9:00
22—(Thanksgiving Day)	
Washington at Detroit CBS-TV	12:15
Miami at Dallas NBC-TV	2:30
25—Atlanta at New York Jets	4:00
Buffalo at Baltimore	2:00
Chicago at Minnesota	1:00
Kansas City at Denver	2:00
Los Angeles at New Orleans	1:00
New England at Houston	1:00
New York Giants at Philadelphia	1:00
Oakland at San Diego	1:00
Pittsburgh at Cleveland	1:00
St. Louis at Cincinnati	1:00
26—Green Bay at San Francisco ABC-TV	6:00

DEC.	TIME
2—Baltimore at New York Jets	1:00
Buffalo at Atlanta	1:00
Cleveland at Kansas City	3:00
Dallas at Denver	2:00
Detroit at St. Louis	1:00
Los Angeles at Chicago	1:00
Minnesota at Cincinnati	1:00
New Orleans vs. Green Bay at Milw.	1:00
New York Giants at Washington	1:00
Oakland at Houston	1:00
Philadelphia at San Francisco	1:00
San Diego at New England	1:00
3—Pittsburgh at Miami ABC-TV	9:00
8—Kansas City at Oakland NBC-TV	1:00
Minnesota at Green Bay CBS-TV	12:00
9—Chicago at Detroit	1:00
Cincinnati at Cleveland	1:00
Denver at San Diego	1:00
Houston at Pittsburgh	1:00
Miami at Baltimore	2:00
New England at Buffalo	1:00
New York Jets at Philadelphia	1:00
St. Louis at Atlanta	1:00
San Francisco at New Orleans	1:00
Washington at Dallas	3:00
10—New York Giants at Los Angeles ABC-TV	6:00
15—Detroit at Miami CBS-TV	1:00
Pittsburgh at San Francisco NBC-TV	1:00
16—Buffalo at New York Jets	1:00
Cincinnati at Houston	1:00
Cleveland at Los Angeles	1:00
Dallas at St. Louis	1:00
Denver at Oakland	1:00
Green Bay at Chicago	1:00
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New England at Baltimore	1:00
New Orleans at Atlanta	1:00
Philadelphia at Washington	1:00
San Diego at Kansas City	1:00

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DEC.	Network
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23—AFC & NFC Divisional Playoffs	NBC-CBS
30—AFC Championship Game	NBC
NFC Championship Game	CBS
JAN.	Network
20—AFC-NFC Pro Bowl at Kansas City	NBC

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(Will be seen in most market areas)

SEPT.	TIME
16—Detroit at Pittsburgh	(CBS)
23—Miami at Oakland	(NBC)
30—Oakland at Kansas City	(NBC)
OCT.	TIME
7—Minnesota at Detroit	(CBS)
14—Dallas at Los Angeles	(CBS)
21—New York Giants at Dallas	(NBC)
Kansas City at Cincinnati	(NBC)
28—Cincinnati at Pittsburgh	(NBC)
NOV.	TIME
4—San Francisco at Detroit	(CBS)
11—Pittsburgh at Oakland	(NBC)
18—San Francisco at Los Angeles	(CBS)
25—Atlanta at New York Jets	(CBS)
DEC.	TIME
2—Cleveland at Kansas City	(NBC)
9—Washington at Dallas	(CBS)
16—Cleveland at Los Angeles	(NBC)

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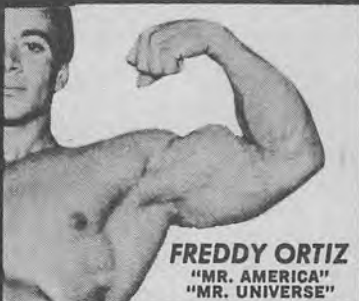
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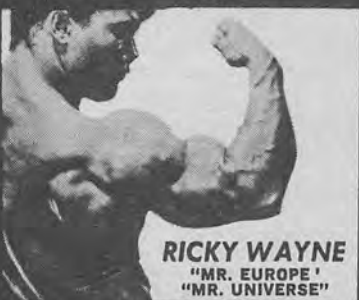
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